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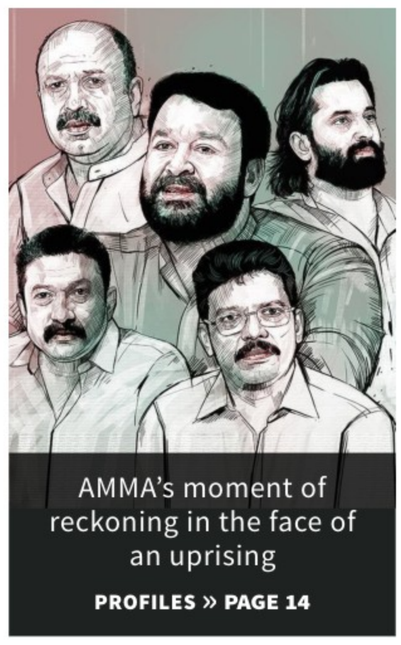

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'There wasn't a need to even issue notice'

BENGALURU
There was no need for issuing even a notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah before granting permission for conducting investigation against him under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case, it was argued before the High Court of Karnataka on behalf of the Governor. » PAGE 6

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BJP leader's house torched in fresh unrest in Manipur

Kuki-Zo tribal organisations take out rallies to push for separate administration; Chief Minister Biren Singh condemns the attack and vows action against officials who failed to provide security

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Unidentified attackers torched the house of a BJP spokesperson in ethnic conflict-scarred Manipur on Saturday during protest rallies taken out by Kuki-Zo tribal people demanding a separate administration.

The arson was carried out at Peniel village in the State's Churachandpur district. The targeted house belonged to the parents of Michael Lamjathang Haokip, BJP spokesperson and leader of the Thadou tribe, some of whose members do not want to be referred to as 'Kuki' and favour rapprochement with the Meitei community.

A placard against Chief Minister N. Biren Singh placed at the "wall of remembrance" in Churachandpur. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh condemned the attack. "The repeated targeting of our people, often under the guise of peace rallies, is a deeply troubling trend," he said.

"Such acts of provocation will not be tolerated. We will ensure that those responsible are held accountable. Moreover, action will be taken against the concerned officials who failed to provide adequate security, despite prior warnings of potential threats," he wrote on X.

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Polling in Haryana postponed to Oct. 5

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Saturday postponed the date of polling for the Haryana Assembly election from October 1 to 5, citing a centuries-old festival of the Bishnoi community.

Counting of votes for Jammu and Kashmir as well as Haryana will now be held on October 8 instead of October 4.

The Election Commission said the date was changed keeping in mind the Bishnoi community's 300-400-year-old practice in remembrance of its Guru Jambheshwar.

The EC had received representations from the national president of the All India Bishnoi Mahasabha, Bikaner, Rajasthan, which said the festival fell on October 2 this year.

Thousands of families residing in Sirsa, Fatehabad and Hisar in Haryana would be travelling to Rajasthan during those days and would be unable to vote, it said.

The EC also got requests from the Haryana BJP for postponement of the election because of holidays before and after October 1. In a written representation to the EC, Haryana BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli said people tend to go on vacation in the week before and after October 1, and that could impact the voter percentage.

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COVID 'scam': D'Cunha submits report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Karnataka High Court judge John Michael D'Cunha, who probed the alleged irregularities in COVID-19 management and procurements during the previous BJP government, submitted his report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday.

The government had ordered an inquiry following allegations of corruption in the purchase of equipment and medicines, oxygen management etc.

Chickballapur BJP MP K. Sudhakar was the Health Minister and Medical Education Minister during the pandemic.

Darshan case: Notices to be served on telecom service providers and DoT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services is set to issue show-cause notices to telecom service providers (TSPs) and the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) seeking an explanation on how their networks are still available within the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison Complex, despite installation of three Tower-Harmonious Call Blocking System (T-HCBS) to act as network jammers.

The gaps in the system were exposed recently when two rowdy sheeters were caught using mobile phones in the prison, sending out photos and doing video calls with jailed actor Darshan.

A file photo of the Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

The new T-HCBS were installed in January this year, following directions from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. TSPs like Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), Airtel, Vodafone Idea (VI), and Reliance Jio were asked to modulate their networks to ensure they are not available inside the prison area.

"On top of this, prison officials have conducted random checks for mobile networks every day and submitted reports that no networks were available inside the prison. But the fact that inmates have shared photographs from inside and made video calls shows that networks are available and this is a serious lapse," said a letter written by Malini Krishnamurthy, DGP, Prisons and Correctional Services, who has been served a memo over the Darshan fiasco by the State government, to Chief Superintendent, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

A copy of the letter is available with *The Hindu*.

Ms. Krishnamurthy has directed the Chief Superintendent, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, to serve notices on BSNL, Airtel, VI, and Jio, apart from DoT, as to how their mobile networks were still available within the prison area and submit a report with their reply by September 4.

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'Mindfulness therapy' can tackle Internet gaming addiction, finds NIMHANS study

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Rohan (name changed), a 19-year-old medical student from Mumbai, took up Internet gaming to unwind after long hours of studying. But what started as a hobby quickly spiralled out of control. Soon, he found himself prioritising gaming over his studies, skipping meals, and withdrawing from social interactions.

His grades plummeted, and he began experiencing severe anxiety. It was only after his parents intervened that he sought medical help.

His experience highlights the need for effective interventions, say researchers from the Department of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, who have initiated a study on the use of mindfulness-based interventions (MBIs) to help individuals manage Internet gaming disorder (IGD).

Gaming addiction often makes youth withdraw from social interaction. GETTY IMAGES

Managing IGD

Paulomi M. Sudhir, professor and consultant at the Behavioural Medicine Unit of the Department of Clinical Psychology, said emerging evidence suggests that MBIs such as mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) and mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT) can help individuals like Rohan manage IGD.

"These interventions have already proven effective in treating conditions such as depression and anxiety," she said.

Regulating emotions

Manoj Kumar Sharma, Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, who also heads the SHUT Clinic at NIMHANS, said mindfulness worked by promoting "focused, non-judgmental awareness of the present moment". This practice can help IGD-affected in several key ways such as attention and emotion regulation, self-awareness and acceptance.

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Well-crafted: An artisan makes intricate carvings on the resonator of a veena.

Quality check: Freshly cut jackfruit tree wood is categorised according to shape and size.

Finding the best: A veena-maker carefully selects well-seasoned jackfruit wood.

Steady hands: An artisan makes cuts on wood at his workshop.

Thanjavur tunes its wood stock

The land is famed for its handcrafted veena, with artisans and their families involved in perfecting the instrument from wood generation after generation

S.R. Raghunathan
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Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu is famed for being the hub of making veena, an ancient musical instrument.

Considered to be an abode of the arts, the temple town is famed as the land where the veena is handcrafted, with several artisans and their families involved in perfecting the instrument generation after generation.

The Thanjavur veena is the first musical instrument in the country to get the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

There are four types of veena. While Rudra veena and Vichitra veena are popular in Hindustani classical music, Saraswati veena and Chitra veena are used in Carnatic classical music.

Thanjavur is the only place where Saraswati veena is made. Saraswathi, the goddess of learning and arts, is portrayed with a veena.

The production of veena, handcrafted with skill and perfection, requires dedication, time and devotion.

At present, only a handful of families are engaged in making Saraswati veena and the younger generation tends to avoid joining the trade as it is not profitable and offers the artisans a meagre sustenance.

To fashion out a veena with good tonal quality and clean and crisp notes requires immense craftsmanship.

The making of a veena is not just carving wood but it is more of an art, which requires complete attention to detail.

The work involves making the resonator (*kudam*), the neck (*dandi*) and a tuning box – the three integral parts of a veena. The process starts with ensuring that the sizing of the wood is accurate.

Jackfruit wood is used to make veena and the process involves a laborious task, taking up to 15-20 days, to get the finished product.

The wood gets cut, intricately carved, shaped, and assembled.

In the case of *ottu* veena, the parts are made separately and assembled.

In the case of *ekantha* veena, it gets carved out of one whole piece of wood.

In earnest: Artisans close the resonator with wood, which will hold the bridge carrying strings of the veena.

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TELUGU

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CHENNAI, BALIJA naidu boy, 32 /177.8cm / wheatish/ divorcee (marriage very short lived)/ has own factory in Ambatur with good net assets seeks suitable bride. Ct.9790888280/ 9884744977.

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URDU

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TAMIL

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To tackle haphazard parking, traffic police resort to towing at Gandhinagar

The exercise was banned in Feb. 2022 after a public outcry over harassment of motorists by towing vehicle personnel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Over two-and-a-half years after it was banned, towing of vehicles violating traffic norms has made a comeback in the city.

The Upparpet traffic police launched a special drive of towing vehicles parked in 'no-parking' zones at Gandhinagar and Majestic areas since Friday. They have deployed two towing vehicles and they had towed as many as 75 vehicles by Saturday evening.

A file photo of a car being towed in Bengaluru.

A senior traffic police official said towing has been reintroduced only in the Upparpet Traffic Police Station limits and not across the city. The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have resorted to towing vehicles in the area following a direction from the High Court of Karnataka to decongest the area around Freedom Park. However, the High Court has not directed the BTP to tow vehicles, an official clarified.

Towing of vehicles was banned in the city in February 2022 after public outcry over harassment of motorists by towing vehicle personnel.

"The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has opened the multi-level parking facility at Freedom Park and has declared all roads in Gandhinagar as no-parking zones. We have also installed no-parking signboards on Kalidasa Road and Gandhinagar 1st Main Road, among other key stretches. However, haphazard parking continues in this area. We were left with no option but to tow the vehicles parked in no-parking zones to decongest these already narrow roads," an official said. He added that towing will continue in the area till the situation improves and motorists start using the parking facility at Freedom Park.

Over 1.2 lakh cases of speeding booked on Mysuru highway

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

If you are tempted to press your vehicle's accelerator on the upgraded Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, think again. Over 1.2 lakh cases of overspeeding, including 89,200 cases of sectional overspeeding had been booked on the highway between August 1 and 26 this year.

According to a media report posted on X by the Additional Director General of Police Training, Traffic and Road Safety, Karnataka, Alok Kumar, the sectional overspeeding system on the highway became operational from August 1.

With the speed limit on the highway restricted to 100 km per hour, motorists are booked not only when their vehicles are found overspeeding by any of the 48 Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, but also for crossing an average speed of 105 km per hour between two sections of the highway within the permissible period. Motorists are penalised ₹1,000 for each offence. Recently, a motorist was challaned for covering a distance of "20.6 km" somewhere between Ramanagara and Bidadi in "688" seconds as the sectional speed was 108 km per hour. The motorist was stopped by the Channapatna traffic police personnel on the highway during his next visit and asked to pay the fine.

While more than 34,000 cases of overspeeding were recorded by the ANPR cameras on the highway, the number of sectional overspeeding cases recorded by artificial intelligence-enabled cameras on the highway is more than 89,200 since August 1.

While motorists crossing 105 km per hour are challaned and fined ₹1,000 each, Alok Kumar is quoted as saying FIRs will be registered against motorists crossing 130 km per hour. According to him, 400 such FIRs have been registered so far.

The authorities began strictly enforcing the speed limits after the highway witnessed a large number of fatal crashes.

Chickballapur cybercrime police arrest woman for cheating men through matrimonial sites

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapur cybercrime police on Friday arrested a 45-year-old woman for allegedly running a fraudulent scheme on matrimonial websites. After losing her husband a few years ago, the accused, identified as Komala, registered on multiple matrimonial platforms not to find a life partner but to lure unsuspecting men with promises of marriage, the police said.

Operating under different names, Komala would engage in conversations with men seeking serious relationships and lure them. She portrayed herself as a well-off woman looking for a second chance at love. Over time, she would gain their trust and eventually convince them to transfer money for various reasons, such as medical emergencies or urgent financial needs related to her deceased husband's debts, the police said. Komala's tactics were meticulous, she would spend many days chatting with her targets to build a rapport before asking for money. She even provided fake documents and staged emotional calls to make her story more convincing, a senior official who arrested her said.

Using this *modus operandi*, the accused targeted Raghavendra, 35, of Gauribidanur, introducing herself as a widow with no family and claiming that she was expecting ₹6 crore of compensation following her husband's death. She allegedly told Raghavendra that the money was stuck as she could not pay taxes and promised to marry him if he helped her pay the taxes. Excited by her offer, Raghavendra transferred a total of ₹7.4 lakh to a bank account, which the police later traced to the mother of Komala. The cheating came to light as Komala blocked Raghavendra from chatting and switched off her phone as soon as the money was transferred.

After repeated attempts to approach her failed, Raghavendra filed a complaint with the Chickballapur CEN police station on August 23. Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused to Bengaluru and arrested her.

Habitual offender

"Probe revealed that Komala is a habitual offender and is involved in multiple similar cases," Kushal Chouksey, Superintendent of Police of Chickballapur, said. According to the police, Komala had duped a businessman in Gujarat and taken ₹25,000 and she had also taken ₹1.5 lakh from one Nagaraju of Bengaluru Two more people approached the police soon after she was arrested and filed similar complaints, the police said.

The accused was married to a KPTCL employee who died in 2017. The accused has two children aged 20 and 16. The police could recover a total of ₹20,940 along with an expensive mobile phone and a watch. The accused had spent the rest of the money, the police said.

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Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Certified Garlic Bulb for Rabi-2024-25

OSSC Ltd. invites short e-Tender only from Producers (and in case of GOI PSUs, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis **for Procurement of Certified Garlic Bulb for Rabi-2024-25** in double cover system through online mode only for the work below.

Name of the work	Purchase of Certified Garlic Bulb for Rabi-2024-25
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in Portal	15.00 hours on dt.02.09.2024 to 17.00 hrs of dt.10.09.2024
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt.10.09.2024
Date and Time of Opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt.11.09.2024

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

CAD-1014: Sd/- Managing Director, OSSC Ltd.
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KOLAR

No.CMC/TECH/TENDER/CR/05/2024-25 Dated: 29.08.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Government of Karnataka KPPP Portal only)

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public procurement act 1999-2000 law of Act 2000 and under Standard Tender documents Rules KG-1 & KG-2 the undersigned invites tenders in Two cover system for Eligible **Authorized Dealer/Manufacturer/Supplier** through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** for the works detailed below. The tenderes may submit tenders for works given in the table through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned. **(1)** Last date & time for submission of tender**: 06.09.2024 hrs. 17.30. (2)** Date & time of opening Technical bids: **09.09.2024 hrs : 11.00 am.**

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1	DMA/2024-25/IND3140	65.41	1,31,000.00	3 Months
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: COMML/MYS/21/2024 dated 27.08.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites tender for the following works.

Item of Work	Approximate Value
Tender	Not Applicable

invited for appointment of halt agent at SRAVANUR train halt station situated between Mysuru and Hassan Section for a period of five years.

Last date for closing of tender
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Dated: 27.08.2024

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E-procurement of Karnataka

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1	Supply and Installation of Weigh Bridge for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3318)**	1500000	37500
2	Supply and Installation of Magnetic Separator for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3320)**	775423	19386
3	Supply and Installation of Trommel for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3321)**	2431651	48633
4	Supply and Installation of Air Blower for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3322)**	1060320	26508
5	Supply and Installation of Shredder for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3324)**	4720238	94405
6	Supply and Installation of Tractor with Loader for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pacchanady, Mangalore.(Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3325)**	1500000	37500
7	Supply and Installation of Electric Forklift for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3326)**	1800000	45000
8	Supply and Installation of Storage Bin for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3327)**	360000	9000
9	Supply and Installation of Wheel Barrows for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore.(Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3328)**	60000	1500
10	Supply and Installation of Solar Panels for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore. (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3329)**	1496832	37421
11	Supply and Installation of Lighting and Ventilation Equipment for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/ 2024-25/IND3330)**	458123	11453
12	Supply and Installation of Desktop PC for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady , Mangalore. (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3331)**	97000	2425
13	Supply and Installation of Water Cooler for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3332)**	68500	1713
14	Supply and Installation of Fire Fighting Pump, Jockey Pump, Diesel Fire Fighting Pump for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities(MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3333)**	559320	13983
15	Supply and Installation of Fire Extinguisher for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady , Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3334)**	16048	401
16	Supply and Installation of Fire Bucket for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore . (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3335)**	4720	118
17	Supply and Installation of Fire Hydrant System and Pipes for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady ,Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3336)**	240720	6018
18	Supply and Installation of Fire Hose-30m for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3337)**	40710	1018
19	Supply and Installation of Fire Alarm System for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/ IND3338)**	139712	3493
20	Supply and Installation of Conveyor Belt System for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/ IND3319)**	8417613	168352
21	Supply and Installation of Baler Machine for setting up of 109 TPD Material Recovery facilities (MRF) at Solid Waste Processing Plant, Pachanady, Mangalore (Inclusive of transportation and Installation charges) **(INDENT NO: DMA/2024-25/IND3323)**	7533247	150665

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Energy Department
Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,
E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

e-Procurement Notice
Tender reference no.: 13/JREDA/SPP/ES/24-25
Dated: 30.08.2024

1	Name of the work	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction, Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance of Cumulative 05 MW (AC) Grid Connected Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant, for a period of 25 years on Government Land at East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand.
2	Estimated Cost	**Rs. 43.93 Crores.**
3	Time of completion	**12 (Twelve) Months**
4	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	**02.09.2024 (Monday)**
5	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	**06.09.2024 (Friday)** at 1.00 P.M.
6	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	**23.09.2024 (Monday)** up to 05:00 PM
7	Submission of Bid fee and EMD through Online Via SBI Payment Gateway of Jharkhand Tenders.	**23.09.2024 (Monday)** up to 05:00 PM
8	Technical Bid Opening Date	**25.09.2024 (Wednesday)** at 3.00 P.M.
9	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)
10	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491167/68/61/7903935514
11	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491167/68/61

Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jreda.com

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No. BCU/EST/G.F.R/2024-25 **Date: 31-08-2024**

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the guest faculty for the following UG and PG programmes in the University Departments and University College for Women for the academic year 2024-25.

Interested candidates are advised to visit the University website: **www.bcu.ac.in. (link: bcugfportal.in)** The online application filling is available from 02.09.2024 to 21.09.2024 upto 5.00 PM along with processing fees of Rs. 200/- (for SC/ST/CAT-1 Rs. 100/-). The candidates shall submit hard copy and the filled application forms to the office of the Registrar, Bengaluru City University, Jnana Jyothi Central College Campus, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001 on or before 26.09.2024 upto 5.00 PM.

Faculty of Science: 1. Chemistry 2. Bio-Chemistry 3. Botany 4. Zoology 5. Mathematics 6. Physics 7. Fashion and Apparel Design (UG&PG) 8. Environmental Science 9. Computer Science (MSc, & BCA) (UG&PG)

Faculty of Arts: 1. Kannada 2. English 3. Economics 4. History 5. Political Science 6. Sociology 7. Social Work 8. Mass Communication and Journalism 9. Centre for Global Languages.(French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Chinese) 10. Hindi

Faculty of Commerce: M.Com (Master of Commerce), M.Com (Finance and Accounting), M.Com (International Business), M.T.T.M (Master of Travel and Tourism and Management), B.Com, B.Com (Accounting & Finance), B.Com (Financial Technology) (UG&PG) and P.G. Diploma Courses.

Management: BBA, BBA (Financial Analysis) and M.B.A (Day & Evening).

In continuation of the above, applications are also invited to hire experience faculty who qualified as per UGC regulations for the Post of Principal (Consultant), Assistant Director for Physical Education, Assistant Librarian, Coordinator for UG Programmes, Deputy Director for Prasaranga (Consultant) and Physical Education Instructor for University College for Women and Central College Campus purely on temporary basis and applications are also invited for Lab Assistant (Computer Science Lab) and Technical Assistant purely on temporary basis. Interested candidate should submit experience certificate to work in a related post along with curriculum vitae directly to the University on or before 26.09.2024.

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Mythical enthusiast: It is believed that Goddess Saraswathi agreed to the request of the Yali, a mythical dragon, and replaced the peacock (which became her *vahana*) in her veena so that it could hear the music for eternity.

Key section: An artist working on the pegs of the veena that helps in fine tuning.

True notes: An artist applies finishing touches to the aligned frets on the *dandi* of a veena.

Rich in heritage: Veenas on display at the Thiruvaiyaru Government Music College in Thanjavur. M. SRINATH

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BMTC revises digital bus pass plan amid public concerns

The corporation's original plan aimed to introduce a digital-only system for daily, weekly, and monthly bus passes to promote paperless transactions and streamline the commuting process

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After an uproar by the public, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has backtracked on its Friday's announcement that it would go fully digital to issue passes via the Tummoc app from September 15. On Saturday, the BMTC said it would continue to offer both digital and pre-printed bus passes.

The BMTC's plan announced on Friday aimed to introduce a digital-only system for daily, weekly, and monthly bus passes to promote paperless transactions and streamline the commuting process. Passengers would have been required to download the app to purchase and use their bus passes. However, the announcement of a fully digital transition was met with immediate concerns from commuters. Many argued that senior citizens may face issues with technology and that many from the poorer sections may not have smartphones. There were also concerns raised about the use of a private app.

A file photo of a BMTC bus pass counter at Majestic.

The BMTC in a release announced on Saturday that it would continue to offer pre-printed passes at all bus stations across the city. This decision allows passengers the flexibility to choose between the convenience of digital passes and the familiarity of printed ones.

According to the release, commuters seeking a digital pass must download the Tummoc app from the Google Play Store. After registering, they can choose their preferred pass – daily, weekly, or monthly – fill in the required details, upload a photo, and confirm their selection. Once payment is successful, the pass will be generated. Passengers are required to carry a chosen ID card while traveling and can verify their pass by scanning the QR code displayed on the bus using their mobile phone.

Man killed in crash

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 27-year-old man standing by the roadside was crushed to death when a BMTC bus crashed into a water tanker near ITI junction on K.R. Puram Road on Friday night.

The deceased, Suprith, who worked at a mall, was returning home and had stopped on the way. He had parked his motorcycle close to the tanker that was parked on the roadside.

The bus driver, moving in rash and negligent manner, lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the tanker, the police said. As a result, Suprith was stuck between the two vehicles. Passers-by rushed to his aid and shifted him to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. Due to the impact of the collision, the front portion of the bus was damaged. The K.R. Puram police registered a case against the bus driver.

BEML unveils prototype manufacturing for metro's driverless train sets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BEML Ltd. has commenced the prototype manufacturing of driverless metro train sets for Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL). The 5RS-DM project will be part of Namma Metro's Phases 2, 2A, and 2B, including the much-anticipated airport line.

In August 2023, BEML secured the order for 53 driverless train sets amid stiff global competition. Valued at approximately ₹3,177 crore, the project includes the design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of the train sets, alongside a comprehensive maintenance contract lasting up to 15 years.

Shantanu Roy, CMD of BEML, said, "We are privileged to launch this new prototype manufacturing facility in Bengaluru, reinforcing our commitment to delivering state-of-the-art metro train sets. This project will significantly enhance the urban mobility experience for Bengaluru's commuters."

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The new train sets, featuring a six-car formation, are designed and developed by BEML's in-house engineering teams in the city. According to a statement by BEML and BMRCL on Saturday, the train sets are constructed with high-tensile austenitic stainless steel, they are engineered for durability, safety, and passenger comfort. "Each metro car will be equipped with advanced amenities, including roof-mounted air conditioners, an IP-based passenger announcement and information system, and an LCD-based dynamic route map display," the statement added.

Special features of the 5RS-DM project

- Comprehensive maintenance contract
- Specially designed luggage racks
- Advanced fire safety
- Obstacle and derailment detection
- Passenger alarm device
- CBTC-based signalling
- Indigenously manufactured bogies
- Crashworthy car structure
- Fire protection compliance

Fake currency case: Man gets to six years in prison

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The NIA Special Court in Bengaluru on Saturday convicted an accused in a fake currency seizure case reported in 2018 and sentenced him to six years of simple imprisonment.

The accused, Sariful Islam alias Sarifulla alias Sharifuddin, from West Bengal, has also been fined ₹5,000.

He is the seventh accused to be convicted in the case.

NIA probe had revealed that the accused had conspired with six others in the trafficking of 41 fake Indian currency notes (FICNs), with a total face value of ₹82,000, from the India-Bangladesh border to different parts of India. Sariful Islam had fraudulently obtained a SIM card to communicate with his co-accused for the procurement of the FICNs from West Bengal and its circulation across the country.

Investigations further revealed a trail of several such transactions on part of the accused, who had earlier delivered FICN of ₹10.3 lakh to the main convict Dalim Mia in West Bengal.

The conspiracy was aimed at destabilising India's monetary situation and economic security, the NIA claimed.

Three chargesheets

The NIA is continuing with its investigation against two Bangladeshi nationals who had supplied the FICNs to the accused in this particular case. A total of three chargesheets have been filed so far by the agency in this case.

Police file chargesheet in Koramangala PG murder case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Just over a month after the brutal murder of 24-year-old private firm employee Kriti Kumari at her paying guest (PG) accommodation, the Koramangala police filed a 1,205-page chargesheet in a city court on Saturday.

Sarah Fathima, DCP (South-east division), said the chargesheet was filed against Abhishekh Ghosi, 23, a native of Begum Ganj in Madhya Pradesh. It lists 85 witnesses, charging the accused under section 103 (1) (murder) of the BNS, 2023.

The accused barged into the PG facility on July 24, in search of Kriti Kumari's friend and colleague with whom he was in a relationship. But the woman had broken up with him. His female friend had taken shelter with Kriti Kumari. Enraged by this, he came in search of his friend to the PG facility armed with a knife in a premeditated act to kill her, the chargesheet said. However, when he did not find her, he repeatedly stabbed Kriti Kumari outside her room, killing her on the spot.

CCTV camera footage

The entire act was caught on CCTV cameras. The CCTV camera footage, other residents of the PG facility who were seen in the footage huddled in fear even as the accused killed Kriti Kumari, and the accused's female friend are the key witnesses in the case, as per the chargesheet.

Following the murder, a special team of the city police had tracked down the accused to Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, where he was arrested on July 26. The Koramangala police filed the chargesheet in the case in five weeks, much ahead of the 12 weeks' time they had to do the same. The murder triggered concerns over safety at PG facilities, prompting the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to issue new guidelines for such facilities. The civic body has set a deadline of September 15 for all PG facilities in the city to comply with these guidelines and avail of licences.

KSRTC wins awards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has been honoured with multiple awards at the national level, according to a release on Friday.

The KSRTC received eight ViDEA awards in categories such as best video content in product placement for Pallakki branding, best low-budget marketing campaign (offline) for Ashwamedha branding, and best video content in a traditional media campaign for the Shakti scheme.

The KSRTC was recognised with five mCUBE awards These awards were presented in Gurugram, the release stated.

The corporation also earned two SKOCH Order of Merit awards for its 'Sarige Sanjeevini' initiative.

Pavithra Gowda's bail petition dismissed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In another setback to actor Darshan and his associates, the 57th City Civil and Sessions Court on Saturday dismissed the bail plea of Pavithra Gowda, prime accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, and her associate Anukumar, citing the murder as heinous and gruesome.

Pavithra, who is accused no. 1 in the case, applied for bail on the grounds that she is a woman. However, considering the gravity of the offence the court dismissed her plea, sources in the prosecution said. The court while rejecting her bail plea, observed that the presence of the accused at the scene of the crime was testified by two eyewitnesses, DNA samples found on her clothes, and CCTV camera footage proved her presence at the scene of the crime.

The court also rejected the bail petition of accused no. 7 Anukumar on the same grounds that evidence suggested his presence at the scene of the crime.

APPOINTMENT

Indian Institute of Technology dhArwAD
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Recruitment Notification

Advt. No.: IITDh/Admin/SR/29/2024-25 date 26th August 2024

IIT dhArwAD invites applications from the eligible Indian Nationals for the various Administrative and Technical Posts on Direct Recruitment basis [Group A-3, Group B-6, Group C-4]. The online application form and detailed advertisement are available on the Institute's website.
https://www.iitdh.ac.in/staff-recruitments
The **Last Date** for submission of application is **29th September 2024.**

Sd/-Officiating Registrar

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Admission Notification: 2024-25

Applications are invited for admission to the following Two Year Post Graduate Programmes in the University from eligible candidates and in-service employees of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR), Government of Karnataka

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- ★M.Sc. - Geoinformatics(Remote Sensing &GIS)
- ★M.Sc. - Food Science & Technology
- ★M.Sc. - Computer Science (Data Analytics)
- ★M.P.H - Master of Public Health
- ★M.B.A. - Rural Management / Agri-business Management

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Telecom service providers to get notice

Ironically, the T-HCBS installed at the central prison proved more costly for the residents in and around Parappana Agrahara than the inmates of the prison.

In June this year, residents around the prison took out a protest march complaining of mobile network disruptions, even affecting emergency calls. They even complained that they never got OTPs, crippling all commercial transactions. DoT and the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services held multiple meetings with the TSPs, directing them to tweak the HCBS frequency to minimise network disruptions outside the prison area.

'Mindfulness therapy can tackle Internet gaming addiction'

"By helping individuals regain control over their attention, emotions and behaviour, mindfulness can play a crucial role in reversing the tide of this growing problem," he said.

Mindfulness helped individuals become more aware of their attention patterns, breaking the cycle of compulsive gaming, say the two professors, who are guiding Syed Yaseen Ahmed, a clinical psychologist and Ph.D. scholar in the Behavioural Medicine unit and SHUT Clinic, in his doctoral studies on the use of MBIs in managing IGD.

Mr. Yaseen said those who enrol for MBIs learn to avoid using gaming as an emotional escape, by recognising and accepting negative emotions.

"India is experiencing a significant increase in IGD, especially among young people in the 13-25 age group. Studies show that around 3.6% of this age group is affected by IGD, with excessive gaming linked to issues like depression, anxiety, and poor academic performance. The widespread use of smartphones has made this problem more prevalent, with many youths spending countless hours in virtual worlds, often leading to serious real-world consequences," he said.

"Mindfulness fosters a deeper understanding of the reasons behind gaming behaviour. It reduces the emotional impact of gaming cravings, lowering the chance of relapse. It also helps reframe gaming triggers and gradually reduces their power," he said.

Multiple bad stretches expose gaps in BBMP's pothole-filling exercise

Traffic has slowed down and there have been accidents galore owing to pothole-ridden roads in the city

A large pit dug by the BWSSB on a bad stretch of Bannerghatta Road near Meenakshi mall in Bengaluru has made matters worse for commuters. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

The poor condition of the stretch of road at Dayanand college junction near Kadirenahalli underpass has led to several accidents. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Half-finished repair work poses a danger to motorists and pedestrians on Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road at Uttarahalli in Bengaluru. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

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Despite the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) promise of regularly filling potholes, many stretches of the city's roads remain dangerous and unmotorable, riddled with what can well be called craters. Adding to the woes are the unfinished drain works on either side of some stretches and ongoing work in the middle of the road too on some stretches. These factors have together resulted in increased travel time for commuters, compelling them to spend long hours in the traffic.

The Hindu visited four stretches which are among the worst examples of abysmal road conditions, leading to multiple problems in the city.

Stretch 1

Commuters find the stretch between Christ University and Meenakshi mall on Bannerghatta Road unbearable. The 100-metre stretch, which also has a traffic signal, is riddled with potholes. What has worsened the situation is that a large pit dug by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is now left unattended and barricaded.

Mohammad Zaid, who runs a coffee shop near Christ University, said that on sunny days clouds of dust rise from the road and settle on the tables and during the rain, the road turns slushy. Every day at least two minor accidents occur on this stretch, he said. Ramesh S., an autorickshaw driver, said when the road was good it would take just three minutes to pass the signal and now during the peak hours it takes up to seven minutes. Bikers and auto drivers bear the brunt the most, he said, adding that when it is dark there is the risk of bikers falling into the pit.

Stretch 2

Kamalesh S. (name changed), a multi-utility vehicle driver who frequently travels on the Outer Ring Road, has to wait for more than five minutes on the stretch where Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Road ends and Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road begins, close to Kadirenahalli underpass. The junction is popularly known as Dayanand college circle.

Mr. Kamalesh said the road had remained the same for the past year. The BBMP has not asphalted the stretch and people are suffering because of that. While accidents have become common, the stretch also consumes the time of commuters. As the road is slightly steep near the signal, vehicles slide back before they start to move. This happens because drivers focus on avoiding potholes.

Stretch 3

Many stretches on the Uttarahalli road are no different. Although the BBMP has re-asphalted the road, the bitumen layer has chipped off at many places and the patches are uneven. Laxman M., who runs a petty shop on a stretch of this road, said, "I have attended to several accident victims here. During the rain, potholes are not visible as they are filled with water. Bikers tend to lose balance while negotiating such potholes. The residents have filed many complaints but nothing has changed," he said.

Stretch 4

Less than 100 metres away from Garudacharpalya Metro Station, a crucial junction connecting ITPL Main Road and Kundalahalli Main Road, with several large apartment complexes and tech parks nearby, has at least 10 to 20 potholes between one and four feet wide.

Residents of the area say the potholes appeared nearly four months ago, a few months after a nearby drain started to overflow onto the street. Now, the potholes filled with sewage cause severe traffic jams in the mornings and evenings. Situated in a cluster at the point where vehicles make a turn, the potholes cause incoming traffic to slow down and create jams along the entire stretch. Kumar, the owner of a tea stall at the junction, said, "For two hours every morning and evening traffic jams here stretch around 300 metres. While turning, vehicles often bump against one another, triggering road-rage incidents and the traffic jam gets worse."

A BBMP official from the road infrastructure department said the pothole-filling exercise is dynamic. "The BBMP is carrying out this work every day based on the inputs received from citizens and traffic police. There are some bad stretches and those will also be fixed," said the official.

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Tender Notification No:EE/BTDA/Dn.02/PB-01/Tender No:02/2024-25/ 1554 Date : 29.08-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 02 (Through karnataka public Procurement Portal only)

As per the tender procedure of KTPP Act, tenders are invited for pertaining to Indent No. 01, 30, 35 and 37 from registered eligible contractors Through karnataka public Procurement Portal.
The intending bidders for work details may login to karnataka public Procurement Portal website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till **11.09.2024** up to 5.00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on **13.09.2024** at 11.00 AM (if possible) and financial bids will be opened on **14.09.2024** at 11.00 AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number **08354-297054.**
Note :Please note henceforth, any changes in calendar of events Corrigendum/ Addendum will be published in karnataka public Procurement Portal only and will not published in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
BTDA, Division. No: 02, Bagalkote.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS AT MADRAS SAPPERS INSTITUTE, MADRAS ENGINEER GROUP & CENTRE, BENGALURU-560042

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   (b) Date of receipt of application from **05 Sep 2024** to **01 Oct 2024** (upto 1100hrs).
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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Short Term Tender Notification No. : 03/2024-25 **Date : 31-08-2024**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short Term Tenders are invited from qualified contractors for the works through E-procurement Portal as per the Standard Bid Documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through KPPP portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal.

1) Documents may be Downloaded from : 31-08-2024, 2) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 09-09-2024 upto 16.00 hours, 3) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 10-09-2024 at 16.30 hours. (If possible) Tender Processing Fees and EMD as per KPPP Portal. Tender processing fees & EMD as per KPPP Portal.

No. of Work 01, (Estimate Cost Rs. 55.50 Lakhs).

For more information contact the above Office during Office Hours.
Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD, Ramanagara Division,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that (i) Mrs. Kanakalakshmi W/o K.A. Aswath Narayan & family members, R/o Bangalore and (ii) Mr. K.V. Anantha Padmanabhaiah & family members, R/o Bangalore, have executed the Agreement of Sale on 22/12/2017, agreeing to sell in favour of (i) Mr. C. Gangadhara Murthy & (ii) Mr. Nayani Sreenadh Reddy, R/o Bangalore, the Property bearing No.1 to 8, New Khatha No.26184, totally measuring 138095 Square Feet along with building, situated at Kaggadasapura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property. The Agreement Holders have paid the advance sale consideration to the Property owners, M/s Shanti Charitable Trust, paid the substantial amount to the earlier agreement of Mr. T. Prakash and also cleared the outstanding loans payable to State Bank of India and Vijaya Bank for and on behalf of the property owners and Trust and there is a liability (loan) payable to Syndicate Bank now called as Canara Bank. Based on the authorized documents by the agreements holder have given a OTS letter to the Syndicate Bank now known as Canara Bank, which is under process and land owners have authorized the agreement holders to pay the balance outstanding to Canara Bank and to collect the No Due Certificate from Canara Bank. Till now, the property owners have received a substantial amount from the Agreement holders.

Now, the property owners and M/s Shanti Charitable Trust are giving impression to the interested persons that they have cleared the Bank liabilities, thereby making the Schedule Property free from all encumbrances and financial attachments, further they are making attempts to execute the Sale Agreement in favour of third persons with an intention to deceive the aforesaid Agreement Holders financially and defeat the rights accrued to them. The Agreement Holders have invested huge amount and discharged the outstanding payable to the Banks for and on behalf of the property owners/Trust. The original documents are in the custody of the Agreement Holders.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the interested parties in specific not to deal with the aforesaid Property Owners and M/s Shanti Charitable Trust with regard to sale, mortgage, lease, joint development or any other commercial transactions as we hold valid Agreements and rights have been created in our favour. Any persons interested to know the genuineness of the transactions, may contact the Agreement Holders with three days' notice in advance for verification of the documents executed by the original property owners in favour of the Agreement Holders including the Loan clearance certificates and original title documents. Despite this notice, should any person/entity intend to enter into any agreement or contracts of any nature with the aforesaid property owners and M/s Shanthi Charitable Trust, they shall be doing so at their own risks and cost and such transactions will not bind the Agreement Holders and further they would initiate legal action Criminal/Civil against such improper and deceitful transactions, which may be noted.

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No:EE/PRED/CTA/TEND/2024-25/228 Date: 30.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Executive Engineer, Pachayath Raj Engineering Division, chitradurga has invites Supply of materials tender standard document KG-2 under MGNREGA Grey Water Management for the year 2023-24 for 06 works for the Estimated Cost Minimum Rs.26.15 lakhs Maximum 82.18 lakhs Total Rs:372.21 Lakhs. Further information obtained from the office during the office hours or any quarries contact (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or KPPP Helpdesk Phone No: tel:+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or office Telephone no. 08194-222372 at office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga as dates below:- Last Date for information any quarries Date: 12.09.2024: Time: 11.00 Last Date for Submitting the tender Date: 13.09.2024: Time: 16.00 Last Date of Opening the Technical Bid Date: 17.09.2024: Time: 16.01 Last Date of Opening the Financial Bid Date: 18.09.2024: Time: 16.02
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Phone No: tel:+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or Phone no.08194-222372 or Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga in office hours.

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City corporations in State do not have full control over 15 of the 18 municipal functions, finds study

Elections to municipal corporations are delayed by an average of 22 months; of the 11 city corporations in the State, four, including Bengaluru's, do not have elected councils, according to a study conducted by Janaagraha

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A study of 11 municipal corporations in Karnataka has found that all of them lack control over 15 of the 18 municipal functions listed for urban local bodies under the 74th Amendment of the Constitution. Not just that, there are also substantial delays in the electoral process: elections to municipal corporations are delayed by an average of 22 months, and the formation of municipal councils and the election of mayors or presidents of municipalities are delayed by an additional two-and-a-half years, the study 'A Critical Review of Decentralised Participatory Governance in Cities of Karnataka', by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, has said. The study also found that presently only Mangaluru has functional ward committees in the State.

Bengaluru is without an elected council for 47 months now. FILE PHOTO

Principal challenges of Karnataka's urban local governance

- Only one out of 11 city corporations has functional ward committees
- There is an average delay of 22 months in elections to municipal corporations
- There is an average delay of 11 months in election of mayors to municipal corporations after the polls
- City governments do not have a role or control over 15 of the 18 functions of local governance mandated by the 74th Amendment to the Constitution
- Citizens do not have access to council debates and proceedings, development projects, or other key information on local governance

Source: A study by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy

Overlaps

On paper, the city corporations in the State have been devolved with 17 of the 18 municipal functions such as water supply, public health and sanitation, burial services, urban planning, building regulations, and urban forestry, listed in the Constitution. However, an audit of the on-ground practice revealed several overlaps in the discharge of the function between city governments and parastatals/government departments. In reality, only three out of 17 functions are fully under their control, the study found.

Delay in elections

Of the 11 city corporations in the State, four do not have elected councils as of date. Of them, Bengaluru has not had an elected council for 47 months now, the longest period in the State. Mysuru, Shivamogga, and Tumakuru cities have not had elected councils for less than a year now. However, the study found that for all the 11 city corporations there has been a delay in conducting elections and for no corporation were timely elections held.

Furthermore, there is a significant lack of transparency, with citizens unable to access critical information such as city council debates, proceedings, and details about development projects, the study stated.

"Weak urban local governance has serious implications on the economic and social development ambitions of the State, as well as on environmental sustainability and climate resilience," said Santosh Nargund, head of Participatory Governance at Janaagraha.

Empowering SEC

The study proposes several recommendations to address these challenges, emphasising the need for effective devolution of powers. The report calls for the timely conduct of elections to city councils every five years and for mayoral elections to be held within 15 days of the municipal election results being declared. It also recommends empowering the State Election Commission (SEC) to conduct the delimitation of wards and reservation fixation to avoid delays.

To enhance citizen engagement, the study recommends the immediate notification and operationalisation of area *sabhas*, forming ward committees within a month of city council formation, and tying development funds to the regular functioning of these participatory bodies.

B. Basavaraju, former State Election Commissioner, Karnataka, speaking after the report was released, said the State Election Commission had to be empowered to undertake the exercise of delimitation and fixation of reservation to ensure timely elections.

Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, pointed out the design flaws in the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, noting that many provisions are optional, leading to weak governance structures. He stressed the importance of political commitment, saying, "Our cities are growing rapidly but our governance structures are decaying. Unless we re-establish a new normal about this third tier, all the small changes are not going to alter the fundamental reality of the situation."

24 students choose to do engineering course in Kannada medium this year

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced the final results of seat allotment of the first round for entry to engineering, medical, and other professional courses, and a total of 24 students have secured seats for Kannada-medium engineering courses this year.

In 2023, only one student had opted for Kannada-medium civil engineering course at the SJC Institute of Technology, Chickballapur, but had eventually opted out.

"We have to wait and see how many of these 24 students will finally enrol in college this year. If some do, it will encourage institutions to continue courses in Kannada," said a KEA official.

Kannada-medium engineering courses were introduced in the State three years ago as part of the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020).

In 2021-22, when it was introduced, five institutions began offering the courses in Kannada.

A total of 17 students opted for Kannada-medium civil and mechanical engineering courses in the first year, but all withdrew by admission time.

In 2022-23, one student opted for Kannada-medium civil engineering course at Bheemanna Khandre Institute of Technology (BKIT) at Bhalki, but later chose to withdraw. A similar story unfolded last year too.

Kannada-medium engineering courses were introduced in the State three years ago as part of the implementation of the National Education Policy. FILE PHOTO

> We have to wait and see how many of these 24 students will finally enrol in college this year.
> **KEA OFFICIAL**

Poor response

Despite poor response from students to Kannada-medium engineering courses, SJC Institute of Technology and the Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysuru, have decided to continue offering civil and mechanical Kannada-medium engineering courses this year.

During the CET-2024 seat allotment, 11 civil engineering seats went to SJC Institute of Technology and 13 mechanical engineering seats to Maharaja Institute of Technology.

Experts believe that poor support from the government, in terms of course material and assured job opportunities, has put the ambitious Kannada-medium engineering courses in peril.

Wider publicity sought

Former Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University Karisiddappa had submitted a proposal to the State government seeking wider publicity for the courses.

He also stressed the need for job opportunities for Kannada-medium engineering graduates and reservation in government recruitment in Public Works Department, Irrigation and other departments. But there has been no response from the government.

Certificates presented to 157 civic leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 157 civic leaders from across political parties were awarded graduation certificates on Saturday at the graduation ceremony of the sixth, seventh, and eighth batches of the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) Civil Leadership Incubator Programme. U.T. Khader, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who was the chief guest for the ceremony, said, "I thank B.PAC for its selfless efforts to create a better Bengaluru and most importantly, for training B.CLIP civic leaders who will make a transformational change to the civic society and the city.

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BENGALURU

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RISE	06:09 SET 18:30
RISE	04:35 SET 17:34
MONDAY, SEP. 02	
RISE	06:09 SET 18:29
RISE	05:25 SET 18:12
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RISE	06:09 SET 18:29
RISE	06:12 SET 18:47

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Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	25	20

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28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Day will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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'Manak Manthan' organised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Bengaluru, organised 'Manak Manthan', on the latest revision of 'Aluminium and aluminium alloys ingots for remelting and castings for general engineering purposes' (IS 617: 2024, Fourth Revision) on August 29 at its office.

Chief guest S.S. Kale, scientist-G, DRDO-Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification, emphasised the importance of BIS's support in reviving the economy.

Narender Reddy Beesu, scientist-E/Director, BIS, detailed the new standard, changes from the earlier standard and explained to the firms that have taken the BIS licence how to implement the new standard.

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No.DGM-3/BSWML/TEND-3/PPP/2024-25 Date: 31.08.2024

SHORT TERM INVITATION (IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

1. The BSWML company is formed as per companies act, 2013 is responsible for carrying out business within the jurisdiction of Bangalore Urban District including BBMP for managing various types of waste including Construction and Demolition waste.
2. In this regard, a comprehensive management plan for Construction and Demolition of waste is prepared and planned to be taken up under PPP model. The said plan has been approved by the government to be taken up under PPP mode.
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4. Bid documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Governmentof Karnataka.
5. Other details can be seen in the bid documents.

Appointment of Concessionaire on Design Build Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) with 100% Concessionaire Investment for the work of **Collection, Primary Transportation, Secondary Transportation of C&D waste to Existing Processing Plant** for a Concessionaire period of 15 years.

Sl. No	Name of the work	*Approx. Capital Cost to Bidder under PPP model (Rs. in lakhs) excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document
1	**Package-1** (750 TPD Collection Primary Transportation and Secondary Transportation to the existing processing plant at Kannuru)	2016.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance Rs.9,08,000/- by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal
2	**Package-2** (500 TPD Collection Primary Transportation and Secondary Transportation to the existing processing plant at Chikkajala)	1380.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance Rs.5,90,000/- by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal
3	**Package -3** (500 TPD Collection Primary Transportation and Secondary Transportation to the existing processing plant at Chikkajala)	1380.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance Rs.5,90,000/- by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal

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Calender of Events: 1. Date of Uploading of the Bid Document in KPP Portal: **05.09.2024**. **2.** Date of Pre bid meeting: **17.09.2024 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road,Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052. **3.** Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: **26.09.2024 before 16:00 hours**. **4.** The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal: **27.09.2024 after 16:30 hours**.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1783/2024-25

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Sl. No	Name of the work	*Approx. Capital Cost to Bidder under PPP model (Rs. in lakhs) excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document
1	**Package - 1** (750 TPD Collection, Primary Transportation & Secondary Transportation and processing of C&D waste as per the locations mentioned in RFP)	5325.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance **Rs.25,62,500/-** by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal
2	**Package - 2** (750 TPD Collection, Primary Transportation & Secondary Transportation and processing of C&D waste as per the locations mentioned in RFP)	5325.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance **Rs.25,62,500/-** by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal
3	**Package - 3** (750 TPD Collection, Primary Transportation & Secondary Transportation and processing of C&D waste as per the locations mentioned in RFP)	5325.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance **Rs.25,62,500/-** by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal
4	**Package – 4** (750 TPD Collection, Primary Transportation & Secondary Transportation and processing of C&D waste as per the locations mentioned in RFP)	5325.00	**Rs. 1.00 lakh** through e-payment under the following i.e. online /RTGS/NEFT/OTC and the balance **Rs.25,62,500/-** by Bank Gurantee / FDR issued by Nationalised / Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal

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‘Governor didn’t even have to issue notice to CM before granting permission for probe’

Solicitor-General of India clarifies that sanction for probe has to be confined to Section 17A of PC Act as case has not reached stage of prosecution

MUDA CASE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

There was no need for issuing even a notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah before granting permission for conducting investigation against him under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case, it was argued on before the High Court of Karnataka on behalf of the Governor.

The Governor chose to issue notice to Mr. Siddaramaiah after noticing irregularities initially before arriving at a *prima facie* conclusion that material disclosed alleged commission of cognisable offences that require a non-partisan investigation, it was stated before the court.

Submissions in this regard were made by Solicitor-General of India Tushar Mehta, who represented the office of the Governor, before a Bench of Justice M. Nagaprasanna during the hearing on the petition filed by Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has questioned legality of the permission granted by the Governor.

Section 17A of the PC Act, under which the permission for investigation was granted, does not impose any condition on the competent authority to issue notice to the public servant before granting approval for investigation, argued Mr. Mehta.

All on CM’s instruction

Mr. Mehta pointed out that entire process of advice given by the State Cabinet to the Governor’s notice to Mr. Siddaramaiah was initiated from the instruction issued by the Chief Minister to the Chief Secretary (CS). The Cabinet’s 91-page advice to the Governor to drop the action against the Chief Minister was a mere reproduction of note by the CS and the opinion by the Advocate-General, he said.

Even Mr. Siddaramaiah’s petition before the court is reproduction of the Cabinet’s advice, Mr. Mehta pointed out while stating in a lighter vein that they could have at least used Artificial Intelligence tools to paraphrase the Cabinet note.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mehta clarified to the court that the Governor’s permission has to be confined to Section 17A of the PC Act for investigation against the Chief Minister even though the Governor had granted sanction under Section 2018 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita as the case has not reached the stage of prosecution.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for Snehamayi Krishna, one of the complainants, alleged that the documents of three acres and 16 guntas of land at Kesare village in Mysuru were “engineered and created” to show that it was agriculture land even though it was acquired by MUDA, which had formed sites using this land and sold them through registered sale deeds. MUDA had also deposited ₹3.24 lakh as compensation in favour of the land owner for the land, Mr. Singh said.

This “acquired” land on which MUDA had formed sites was purchased as an agricultural land in 2004 for ₹5.98 lakh by B.M. Mallikarjuna Swamy, brother of the Chief Minister’s wife Pravathi, and converted it through the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, said Mr. Singh. It was for this land that MUDA had allotted 14 sites in a well a developed layout in favour of Ms. Parvathi, who got the land as gift deed from her bother. She relinquished the same land in favour of MUDA to secure sites worth over ₹55 crore, claimed Mr. Singh, while pointing out that an investigation is essential to unearth the alleged fraud.

Advocate Ranganath Reddy, appearing for complainant Abraham T.J., said that “non existent” land was converted with the help of officials.

‘No request for prosecution pending’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Complainant Abraham T.J. on Saturday submitted an application before the court to initiate action for perjury against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for allegedly providing “false information” to the court in his petition alleging that the Governor has kept pending four requests for grant of sanction for prosecution against four other political leaders.

It was stated in Mr. Siddaramaiah’s petition that requests for sanction against former Ministers Murugesh Nirani, Shashikala Jolle and Janardhan Reddy and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, were pending since 2021-24, and the Governor had granted sanction in a hasty manner only against Mr. Siddaramaiah.

It was pointed out in the application that Mr. Abraham, based on the statement made by Solicitor General of India before the court on behalf of Governor on August 19, that no request for sanction is pending before the Governor as on that date, filed an application under the RTI Act on August 20 seeking details.

And the Governor’s office on August 30 replied stating that no request for sanction was pending before the Governor.

‘Veeraiah secured kickback of ₹3 cr. in truck terminal scam’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D.S. Veeraiah FILE PHOTO

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probing the alleged scam at D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Ltd. has chargesheeted two individuals S. Shankarappa, former MD of the company, and D.S. Veeraiah, former chairman of the company.

The chargesheet says the accused gave three firms 668 works amounting to ₹39.25 crore, all less than ₹5 lakh, without tenders and released the money even when the works were never carried out. The chargesheet further alleged and gave details of bank transactions to show Mr. Veeraiah got ₹3 crore credited to his Canara Bank account via five transactions from these companies and middlemen.

‘Bought four sites’

The chargesheet alleged that using the money, he bought four sites (945, 946, 949 and 950) in Upkar Residency, Ullal, Bengaluru.

The chargesheet said Mr. Veeraiah, misusing his position as chairman of the company, introduced a resolution (agenda 28) in the minutes of the meeting of the company on October 25, 2021, authorising the company to spend up to ₹2 crore in “piece contracts”, even though the then Managing Director objected to it. Later, the CID claimed to have found that Mr. Veeraiah replaced the page with a fake/forged document which said the company was authorised to spend up to ₹10 crore in “piece contracts”.

While the CID has secured sanction for prosecution against Mr. Shankarappa under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, by the State government, the department is yet to secure the same against Mr. Veeraiah. A supplementary chargesheet would be filed against him under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, once the State government grants sanction for prosecution, sources said.

Congress delegation submits petition to Governor seeking sanction for prosecution of HDK, three former BJP Ministers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leaders taking out a protest march against Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Amidst Karnataka High Court hearing the Governor’s sanction of prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority allotment (MUDA), a Congress delegation consisting Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Ministers, and legislators walked in a procession to Raj Bhavan on Saturday to demand that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot sanction prosecution of Union Industries Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, former Ministers and BJP MLAs Janardhan Reddy and Shashikala Jolle, and former Minister Murugesh Nirani.

They demanded prosecution of the JD(S) and BJP leaders under provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act and of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), as sought by the Karnataka Lokayukta police. Since the Governor has not given his assent to 11 Bills passed by the State legislature, seeking clarifications, their memorandum demanded speedy approval of the Bills too.

Dharna at Secretariat

Earlier, they staged a dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the State Secretariat in Bengaluru, in which Mr. Siddaramaiah also participated.

In the petition to Mr. Gehlot, the Congress demanded that the Raj Bhavan “stop acting on political considerations”. They said they are troubled by his “undue haste” based on frivolous petitions in granting permission for prosecution in the case of Mr. Siddaramaiah, while “keeping in cold storage” the request in other cases.

The Congress demanded prosecution of Mr. Kumaraswamy for his alleged involvement in the illegal approval of 550-acre mining lease to Sri Sai Venkateshwara Minerals in 2007. In another case, the Governor delayed the prosecution of Mr. Reddy, pertaining to disproportionate assets to the known sources of his income, the Congress said. Similarly, the Governor has not sanctioned prosecution of Ms. Jolle and Mr. Nirani. “In both cases, the request of the Lokayukta police seeking prior approval under Section 17 A of the Prevention of Corruption Act has been put in cold storage,” the petition states.

With regard to Ms. Jolle, the Lokayukta presented evidence of bribery and requested prior approval on December 9, 2021, the petition said. On Mr. Nirani, the Congress stated: “Despite cognizable offence of corruption and bribery being revealed from the complaint, request for prior approval submitted on February 26, 2024, remains pending.” In Mr. Reddy’s case, the Lokayukta police found illegal accumulation of assets and sought sanction for prosecution on May 13, 2024.

President writes to CS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

President Droupadi Murmu has addressed a letter to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh regarding a complaint filed by KPCC spokesperson Ramesh Babu.

Mr. Babu had written challenging Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot’s decision to grant permission for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged illegal allotment of land by MUDA.

In the letter, Rajesh Verma, Secretary to the President, instructed the Chief Secretary to thoroughly review the complaint and ensure that the complainant is directly informed of the actions taken.

BJP mocks march by Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ridiculing the march to the Raj Bhavan by the Congress leaders, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok on Saturday said: “if those who are ruling are protesting, then it is a complete failure of the government.”

He came down on the ruling government for holding Raj Bhavan Chalo demanding prosecution against Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and three former BJP Ministers. Speaking to mediapersons at the BJP office, he alleged that the Congress government is misusing its power. “Will they accept that they are running the government by turning the Vidhana Soudha into a Congress office? If the Raj Bhavan is called BJP office, we will call the Vidhana Soudha Congress office,” he said.

₹6.32 lakh penalty imposed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Food Safety and Quality Department officials inspected 2,820 roadside eateries, hotels, and restaurants across the State on Friday and Saturday and imposed penalty of ₹6.32 lakh on units where hygiene was not maintained and licences not obtained.

The highest was on units in Mysuru where ₹1,14,500 was collected, followed by ₹53,000 in Dharwad.

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate
Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009

No: KPRC-DEV/ 638/2024 Date: 31-08-2024

Short Notification

Sub: Inviting Applications for Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Fellowship

Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate, Rural Development and panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka is inviting applications from qualified and experienced Young Professionals, for 07 Positions of the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Fellowship Program.

Interested candidates can download the detailed notification from https://prcrdpr.karnataka.gov.in/ website and fill out the application form online on the same site. No application will be received at Commissionerate. Application sent via post or courier will not be considered. The application portal will be open from Date: 02-09-2024 to 09-09-2024.

Date: 31-08-2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Commissioner
Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

DIPR/CP/1774/AKAR/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Information Technology Department, BBMP, Annex Building-2,
Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: BBMP/2023-24/SE0389/CALL-4 Date: 31-08-2024

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (NIT) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
(under Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform)

Deputy Chief Information Officer, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders for the following.

Name of the Work: **Removal of Unauthorized Hoardings, Uni-poles or any type of Unauthorized or Illegal Displays and Advertisements in BBMP Limits.**

Tender Reference Number: **BBMP/2023-24/SE0389/CALL-4**

Calendar of Events: 1) Date of Commencement of Download of Document from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 02-09-2024. 2)** Last Date for Submitting Clarification if any: **05-09-2024 upto 15.00 Hours. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **09-09-2024 at 15.00 Hours. 4)** Last Date and Time for Uploading of Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **10-09-2024 upto 17.00 Hours. 5)** Date and Time of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation): **11-09-2024 at 17.05 Hours. 6)** Date and Time of Opening of Tenders (Commercial Bid): **13-09-2024 at 11.00 Hours (if Possible). 7)** Contact Person for Queries: **Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer-IT, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-2 (East Wing), BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. Mobile: 9480688000, E-mail: dcio-it@bbmp.gov.in 8)** Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for Communication: **Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer-IT, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-2 (East Wing), BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. Mobile: 9480688000, E-mail: dcio-it@bbmp.gov.in 9)** EMD Amount: **Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/-
Deputy Chief Information Officer (IT), BBMP.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

N.SUDHAKAR
DOB: 21 February 1936 to DOD: 23 August 2024

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of **N.Sudhakar,** a man of exceptional intellect and unwavering integrity. **Chairman and CEO of International Instruments (YENKAY)**, BLR- his innovative achievements in the automotive industry transformed global partnerships.

He was a pillar of strength for his family and friends and well known for his engaging conversations and sense of humor. He built deep, lasting relationships and was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

Forever Cherished

The Sudhakar Family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE

Wg Cdr (Retd)
JACOB ANTHIKAD
Arrived Sept 1, 1938 - Departed Feb 1, 2015
"You vacated your earthly abode since nine years; Your absence is marked by a cascade of tears; Your memory is an eternal flame; Which glows at the mention of your name"

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GPA'S CANCELLATION

With respect to the under mentioned Schedule Properties belonging to **M/s. MEATKART FOODS PVT. LTD.**, having office at Flat No. 1/1, K.No.1387/1/1, Sarjapur Road, Junasandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560 035, represented by its Directors SRI.BALA BAHADHU DEEPENDRA & VINAY.S.H,Schedule Properties have been annulled vide GPA's dated 14.08.2024 registered on 16.08.2024.

That since the properties bearing Sy.304 and 101/2 constitutes 10 guntas and 28 guntas respectively constitute the subject matter of GPA's, the same have been annulled as the emanate with the fraudulent transaction.

General public are hereby informed not to deal with the properties mentioned below. My client reserves right and any subjective right shall be at peril of the encumbrance in respect of below mentioned properties :

SCHEDULE -1

Property bearing Sy.No.304, measuring 10 Guntas situate at Thipenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, bounded on : **East by** : Road, **West by :** Land belongs to Venkateshappa, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Halla

SCHEDULE -2

Property bearing Sy.No.101/2, Measuring 29 Guntas including Kharab 1 Gunta out of which Measuring 28 Guntas situate at Kavarnahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Chickballapur Taluk and District bounded on **East by:** Land belongs to Munivenkatappa and Muninarasimhaiah, **West by:** Land belongs to HM Krishnappa, **North by:** Land belongs to HM Krishnappa, **South by:** Government Property.

SUHAS T.L, Advocate
No.220B/54, Ground Floor, 6th Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560010. Mob: 9986199519.

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division,
Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk,
Phone : 080-2978 7463, E-mail: eerwsd.bngr1@gmail.com

No. : Tender Notification No. 01/2024-24/487 Date : 30-08-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPPP Portal through only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka through KPPP Portal for the works under **Swach Bharath Mission (G) and Jal Jeevan Mission** to Provide **FHTCs House Holds in Bangalore Rural District** Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2,3 & 4 Application & EMD Payment to be done through KPPP Portal.

General Conditions : 1) Contractor has to upload all Document in Online only, 2) All Qualifying Documents has to be attached in Online.

1) Tender Schedule can be Downloaded from Website : After 4.00 p.m. Dated : 31-08-2024, 2) Pre-bid Meeting Date & Place : 03-09-2024, 11.00 a.m. (Office of the Executive Engineer, R.D.W.&S, Division, Bangalore Rural at Beerasandra, Devanahlli), 3) Last Date for Tender Uploading : Upto 4.05 p.m. Dated : 09-09-2024, 4) Date of Opening of Tender / Technical Bid : After 4.05 p.m. Dated : 10-09-2024, 5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid : After 4.05 p.m. Dated : 11-09-2024.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W. & S. Division,
Bangalore Rural.

DIPR/Bangalore Rural/1765/Manipal/2024-25

Heavy rain claims nine lives in A.P.; CM announces aid

Rescue operation under way at the landslip spot in Vijayawada on Saturday. G.N. RAO

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA/GUNTUR

At least nine people died in Andhra Pradesh following heavy rain since Friday night that led to landslips and floods.

Five persons, including three women, died and four others were rescued from the houses that collapsed following a landslip in Vijayawada in the early hours of Saturday. The deceased were identified as Nagalakshmi (44), Meghana (25), and Lakshmi (45) of Vijayawada, Santosh (22) of Gudlavalleru in Krishna district, and Lalu (52) of West Bengal. The injured were rushed to a hospital, said NTR district Collector G. Srijana.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced ₹5 lakh ex gratia to the kin of each deceased.

In Guntur district, a boulder fell on Nagaratnam, 80, at Mangalagiri town resulting in her death. In another incident, three persons – Nadimpalli Raghavendra Rao (38), a teacher at VIVA School in Nambur, Pasupuleti Sowresh Bagh (8), a student, and Kondamudi Manvith (9), studying in Class 3 – died after their car was washed away in a flash flood at Uppalapadu village near Guntur city on Saturday, said Guntur Collector S. Nagalakshmi.

Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra visited the houses of the deceased at Uppalapadu and promised to ensure ₹5 lakh ex gratia to the kin of each deceased and necessary support from the government.

In Vijayawada, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha visited the landslide spot at Moghalrajpuram.

Local residents said boulders rolled down and fell on the houses on the hill slopes near Moghalrajpuram, due to heavy rain since Friday night.

Vijayawada East MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao told *The Hindu* that the police retrieved the bodies from the debris and rescued those trapped in the damaged houses. "Instructions have been given to vacate the thatched and soaked houses near the hills and on the hill slopes at various locations in the city," said the Collector.

CPI(M) rejects Cong. demand for Mukesh's resignation as MLA

Party says actor holds no govt. position and court is yet to find him guilty; BJP has most number of MLAs, MPs with criminal background, it adds

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan rejected the Opposition's demand that actor and MLA M. Mukesh relinquish his elected position because the actor faced a police investigation for alleged sexual misdemeanours, including abuse and exploitation of co-stars.

Mr. Govindan said that Mr. Mukesh held no executive position in the government. The CPI(M) legislator is a suspect and a court of law is yet to find him guilty, he said.

The police lathicharging Youth Congress workers during the protest against Kollam MLA Mukesh on Saturday. C. SURESHKUMAR

Ranjith's case

Director Ranjith, who is facing similar charges, had resigned as chairperson of the Kerala Chalachitra Academy, given the executive nature of the post. If the court absolved Mr. Ranjith of wrongdoing, the government could reinstate him in the post. However, if a legislator resigned on moral grounds, the election law did not envisage the person's reinstatement to the elected position.

Mr. Govindan said the police have charged two Congress MLAs with rape. The CPI(M) has not demanded their resignation, quoting moral grounds, because of the technicality of the law that prevented their restoration if found innocent by a court. He said the Congress should stop its clamour for Mr. Mukesh's exit.

Quoting the latest National Election Watch Report, he said 135 legislators and 16 MPs faced charges ranging from rape to outraging the modesty of women. The BJP topped the chart with 54 accused, followed by the Congress (23), TDP (17) and AAP (13). "They are all serving their elected term," he added.

'AMMA being made sole target, industry answerable'

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Claiming that the "arrows of criticism" after the publication of the K. Hema Committee report are being directed solely at the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA), actor and its former president Mohanlal on Saturday said "the entire industry is answerable" for the issues highlighted in the report.

"Issues that are happening in other sectors are part of cinema too. I welcome the report. I had presented myself before the Committee and answered all questions. The entire industry should answer for the report. It is not right to crucify AMMA or an individual for each and every matter," he said.

Kerala CPI(M) removes E.P. Jayarajan as LDF convener

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Saturday replaced E.P. Jayarajan as Left Democratic Front (LDF) convener and nominated T.P. Ramakrishnan to the critical post.

Capping a shrill news day marked by political rumour-mongering and speculation, CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan said Mr. Jayarajan faced some "limitations" in his convener duties.

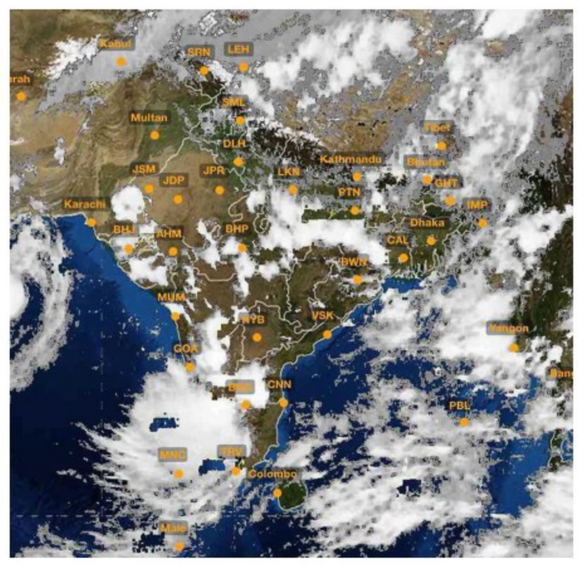
He refused to spell out Mr. Jayarajan's limitations. But, Mr. Govindan admitted that Mr. Jayarajan's Lok Sabha election day conduct had some bearing on the latter's exit. He also seemed at pains to underline that Mr. Jayarajan's removal was not a rebuke or reprimand. "Mr. Jayarajan is a CPI(M) central committee member," he said. With hindsight, action against Mr. Jayarajan seemed inevitable since June.

The Kannur veteran had come under severe criticism from within the CPI (M) for confirming, in a somewhat ill-timed and arguably tactless manner on Lok Sabha election day, that he had a *tete-a-tete* with BJP leader Prakash Javadekar at his son's house the previous year in the presence of a dubious powerbroker.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had chided Mr. Jayarajan for "losing guard" and allowing "forthrightness and affability" to impede political judgment.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.6	27.6	Kozhikode	15	32.0	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	34.3	25.7	Kurnool	29	26.0	21.9
Aizawl	16	31.4	23.6	Lucknow	—	35.6	26.9
Allahabad	—	36.7	28.0	Madurai	—	38.6	25.4
Bengaluru	7	25.5	20.0	Mangaluru	9	27.4	23.6
Bhopal	0.4	31.5	22.6	Mumbai	3	32.2	26.0
Bhubaneswar	2.3	32.7	25.5	Mysuru	1.2	28.1	20.0
Chandigarh	—	36.4	27.0	New Delhi	—	35.6	25.4
Chennai	—	33.3	24.1	Patna	—	37.1	29.2
Coimbatore	—	32.0	23.1	Port Blair	33	29.0	23.2
Dehradun	—	32.1	24.8	Puducherry	—	34.2	23.9
Gangtok	0.7	23.9	19.3	Pune	5.6	29.3	21.5
Goa	45	30.4	24.4	Raipur	—	34.2	25.4
Guwahati	1	35.2	27.2	Ranchi	4	31.2	23.2
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	6.4	26.3	17.1
Hyderabad	6	24.6	22.3	Shimla	20	28.4	20.2
Imphal	—	30.7	25.3	Srinagar	9	25.9	15.7
Jaipur	17	34.2	23.6	Thiruvananthapuram	39	31.2	24.9
Kochi	41	29.8	24.8	Tiruchi	0.3	37.3	27.0
Kohima	8	27.0	17.0	Vijayawada	123	25.7	23.9
Kolkata	—	34.6	27.4	Visakhapatnam	48	29.0	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.14	..37	42	 87	79	
Bengaluru	.12	..—	47	 19	...114	
Chennai	...5	..26	12	 56	52	
Delhi	..—	..97	63	... 110	...235	
Hyderabad	...9	..48	76	 33	55	
Kolkata	...1	..37	20	 25	32	
Lucknow	.10	..10	42	 91	59	
Mumbai	...3	..10	32	 53	81	
Pune	...5	..29	30	 43	45	
Visakhapatnam	...9	..37	12	 23	33	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Agartala, Tripura recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 312 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Kunjemura, Chhattisgarh recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Will act against school staff for food poisoning: Collector

A day after 61 girl students fell ill due to suspected food poisoning in the Tribal Welfare Girls Residential School at Jamuguda village in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitharama Raju district, Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar said on Saturday that strict action would be taken against the warden and the headmaster for negligence. On Friday, the students were served egg curry for dinner. After sometime, many girls started vomiting and complained of stomach pain. The Collector, who inspected the school, found that the eggs supplied to the hostel were spoilt.

5 hospitalised after 'inhaling' chemical compound in Vizag

Five workers were hospitalised after they fell unconscious while shifting acetanilide bags (a crystalline powder) from a container to a lorry at a godown belonging to Sravan Shipping in Visakhapatnam on Friday, the Collector said on Saturday. On Saturday, Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad and Visakhapatnam West MLA P.G.V.R. Naidu (Ganababu) met the workers at a hospital at Shilanagar. The patients are stable, according to the Collector. The workers fell unconscious reportedly after inhaling the chemical while handling the acetanilide bags.

Bus conductor stabbed to death by assailant in Kochi

A private bus conductor was stabbed to death aboard a moving bus at HMT Junction in Kalamassery, within the Kochi city limits in Kerala, on Saturday afternoon. As per initial reports, the victim was identified as Aneesh Peter, 34, of Rajakumari in Idukki. According to the police, the masked assailant boarded the bus, stabbed the conductor, and fled immediately. "We are trying to mobilise as much CCTV footage as possible to track down the assailant," the Kalamassery police Station House Officer said.

Cloud canopy

People relaxing at a beach in Visakhapatnam. The depression in the Bay of Bengal brought down the temperature in north A.P. K.R. DEEPAK

Plan to build new Assembly complex in Puducherry cleared

Rajesh B Nair
PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry Lieutenant-Governor K. Kailashnathan has cleared the proposal submitted by the Cabinet for the construction of a new Assembly complex-cum-administrative building in the Union Territory.

After the AINRC-BJP combine came to power in Puducherry in 2021, the Cabinet decided to build a new complex for the 33-member (30 elected and three nominated) House, as it found the existing heritage building, located close to Beach Promenade, inadequate for the present-day administrative requirements. They also took into account the safety concerns.

The idea was to construct an integrated complex for the Assembly and the Chief Secretariat. Following the Cabinet's approval, a Delhi-based consultant was appointed to prepare a Detailed Project Report in 2022. The agency submitted its report last year, and it estimated the cost of the new complex at around ₹600 crore.

"The file for administrative clearance was sent to Raj Nivas a year ago. The then Lieutenant-Governor had kept the file pending. On Friday, the L-G gave his clearance and now, the proposal would be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for further action," Assembly Speaker R. Selvam told *The Hindu*.

He said the Cabinet decided to construct the complex after getting in-principle approval from the Centre to fund the project.

"Now, the project will be fast-tracked following the clearance given by Lt. Governor," he said. The Cabinet had proposed the construction on around 15 acres of land available on the Thattanchavady Market Regulatory Committee premises, he added.

The site for the new building in Puducherry. S.S. KUMAR

Since 2000, the elected governments have been taking steps to replace the present Assembly building with a new one to accommodate the offices of the Chief Secretary, the Secretaries, and the department heads.

Mr. Selvam said that the project was re-initiated after the AINRC-BJP combine came to power in 2021 as there was no financial liability for the territorial administration.

The project was put on the back burner after V. Vaithilingam became the Chief Minister in 2008, following the split in the Congress. When Mr. Rangasamy returned to power, after floating the All India NR Congress, in the 2011 Assembly election, he reviewed the project. But it did not materialise, despite the Revenue Department issuing a land acquisition notification for constructing the complex.

Prime suspect in T.N.'s Hizb-Ut-Tahrir case arrested in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested a key accused in the Tamil Nadu Hizb-ut-Tahrir case in which attempts were allegedly made to radicalise youth and establish an Islamic State (IS)-like caliphate in India.

Aziz Ahamed alias Aziz Ahmed alias Jaleel Aziz Ahmed was nabbed at the Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, while he was trying to flee abroad.

The case was first registered by the Central Crime Branch, Chennai City Police, and later transferred to the NIA. The agency said a case was registered against "six individuals influenced by the extremist, radical and fundamental ideology of Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an international pan-Islamist and fundamentalist organisation which has been fighting to establish an Islamic caliphate and enforce the constitution written by Hizb-ut-Tahrir's founder Taqi al-Din al-Nabhani".

"The accused had conducted secret *bayaans* (sermons) where many participants, particularly gullible youth, were radicalised with ideologies of Hizb-ut-Tahrir, which seeks military assistance (*nusra*) from forces inimical to India to achieve its nefarious goal. Aziz Ahamed was found to be one of the chief initiators in conducting these secret *bayaans*," the NIA claimed in a statement issued on Saturday.

Four T.N. fishermen robbed mid-sea by 'Sri Lankan nationals'

The Hindu Bureau
NAGAPATTINAM

Four fishermen from Tamil Nadu were recently robbed of their fishing gear and other equipment mid-sea by a group of persons, suspected to be Tamil-speaking Sri Lankan nationals.

The incident occurred on August 24 when Kumar, 50, from Kuttiyandiyur, Tharangambadi; Kandhan, 51, from Ariyanattu Street, Nagapattinam; David, 43, from Kovalam, Kanniyakumari; and Sandakrush, 51, from Koothankuzhi were fishing mid-sea.

They had put out to sea on a fibre boat from the Nagapattinam fishing harbour, and fishing 10 nautical miles east of Kodiyakkarai when they were attacked by four men, who arrived on a boat.

The unidentified persons assaulted the fishermen and stole two boat engines, a GPS device, a mobile phone, 110 litres of petrol, and fishing nets worth ₹2 lakh.

The fishermen were left stranded in the sea on their boat.

On August 29, they were spotted by a group of fishermen from Seruthur, who provided them an alternative engine.

Using this, they returned to Nagapattinam on Friday.

The police are investigating. This is the third such incident in the past week.

From Page One

BJP leader's house torched in Manipur

Mr. Haokip said Saturday's incident was the third attack on his family's house "by ultra-Kuki supremacists and extremist groups" within a year.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of Kuki-Zo tribal people hit the streets of Leishang in Churachandpur, Keithelmanbi in Kangpokpi, Moreh in Tengnoupal, and in Jiribam and Tamenglong to demand a separate administration. One of the banners displayed by the protestors read: "For peace in Manipur, Mother India has to deliver a new baby statehood called Kukiland".

Polling in Haryana postponed to October 5

He had reasoned that Saturday (September 28) was a holiday for many, followed by Sunday. October 1 would be a poll holiday in the State, which was followed by Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, again a holiday. October 3 is also a holiday on account of Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti.

The Congress State unit had then taken a dig at the BJP, with former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda saying that the saffron party had already accepted defeat.

The revised polling date also addresses concerns over the long stretch of holidays.

Past instances

EC sources said the commission had adjusted election dates in the past as well to respect the sentiments of various communities.

For instance, during the Punjab Assembly election in 2022, the commission postponed the poll by a week to accommodate devotees travelling to Varanasi for Guru Ravidas Jayanti.

In Manipur, during the 2022 Assembly election, the commission changed the polling dates to respect the Christian community's Sunday prayers.

Atrocities against women a serious concern, says PM

The spirit of new criminal laws was 'citizen first, dignity first and justice first,' says Modi, adding that the quicker the decisions in criminal cases, the greater would be the assurance to women

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday emphasised that atrocities committed against women and the safety of children were a serious concern in society.

Mr. Modi, speaking at the inaugural function of the National Conference of District Judiciary, highlighted that the quicker the decisions in cases involving crimes against women the greater would be the assurance given to women, who form half the country's population. The Prime Minister's comments follow nationwide protests in the wake of the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor who was on night duty at Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital recently.

The PM said strict laws to protect women and give them justice were already in place and the government had planned fast-track courts in 2019. He pushed for deposition centres for crucial witnesses to testify without fear, and district committees with the District Judge, District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police concerned to coordinate action in such sensitive cases.

Narendra Modi and CJI Chandrachud at the opening of the National Conference of District Judiciary in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

The PM said the spirit of new criminal laws, including the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, was "citizen first, dignity first and justice first". Mr. Modi said the idea behind the Nyaya Sanhita was not just to punish citizens but to protect them.

Mr. Modi unveiled the stamp and coin commemorating 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court.

In his address, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the district judiciary was the first point of contact for a citizen in search of justice and was the "backbone of the judiciary".

"We must stop calling the district judiciary the 'subordinate' judiciary. Seventy-five years after Independence, the time has come for us to bury one more relic of the British era – the colonial mindset of subordination," the Chief Justice said.

The CJI drew attention to the phenomenon of more women joining the district judiciary. He said that 72% of the total number of judicial officers were women in the latest recruitment in Kerala.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, Supreme Court Bar Association president, added a sober note by pointing out that "trial courts and the district courts are loath to grant bail in matters of some significance is itself symptomatic of the malaise that has set in". He highlighted the recent Supreme Court judgments which had upheld the principle that bail was the rule and jail an exception.

"Our trial court, district and sessions courts need to be empowered to deliver justice without fear or fervour... The judiciary at that level should be instilled with the confidence that their judicial pronouncements shall never be held against them and they represent the spinal cord of the justice delivery system," Mr. Sibal said.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Supreme Court and High Court judges, and several judicial officers across the country were among those present.

Centre asks Bengal to expedite setting up of fast-track courts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre and State government debate over legislation to control crimes against women

The war of words between the Centre and the West Bengal government over legislation to control crime against women continued with Union Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi once again asking Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to expedite the setting up of fast-track special courts (FTSC) dedicated to handling cases of rape and those under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Against the backdrop of the R.G. Kar hospital rape and murder case, Ms. Banerjee had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, for the second time, seeking a stringent Central law and exemplary punishment on heinous crimes such as rape and murder.

Responding to the request, the Minister, in a letter, highlighted concerns over the State's existing fast-track courts, and urged the Chief Minister to ensure that justice is served swiftly and efficiently for victims of heinous crimes.

She referred to the previous letter written by her on August 25 where she had stressed the importance of the stringent legislation and punishment.

Ms. Annpurna Devi pointed out that while West Bengal has established 88 FTCs, these are not the same as the FTSCs recommended under the Union government's scheme.

The FTCs in the State handle a broad spectrum of cases, including civil disputes, and are not exclusively dedicated to rape and POCSO cases like the FTSCs, she said.

'Attempt to cover up'

Describing the information provided by the State regarding these courts as inaccurate, she said it indicated an attempt to cover up the delay.

She also pointed out the significant backlog in the State's justice system, with over 81,000 cases pending in the FTCs as of June 30, and expressed concern that the State was yet to operationalise an additional 11 FTSCs to meet the increasing demand, despite a backlog of 48,600 rape and POCSO cases.

La Nina to take root in September; North India may witness heavy rain

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

With a La Nina or a cooling of the central Pacific Ocean expected to firmly take root in September, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a rainy September with several parts of North India expected to receive heavy rainfall.

While the monsoon is expected to start retreating in September, the impact of the La Nina is likely to lead to vigorous "cyclonic activity" in the Bay of Bengal and consequently, several episodes of rain for most of the month, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General, IMD, said at a press conference on Saturday.

Monsoon rainfall in September is expected to be 9% above what is usual for the month (16.8 cm). Given that monsoon rainfall is unequally distributed, this would mean that many parts of Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Delhi are likely to see heavy rain, according to the IMD's forecast maps.

Water woes: A flooded area at Kothara village in Gujarat's Kutch district on Friday as IMD warns of a possible cyclonic storm. PTI

"The monsoon withdrawal usually begins by mid-September but with heavy rainfall expected, it is too early to forecast it as of now," he said.

Rainfall in August also turned out to be much more than the IMD had anticipated at the beginning of the month. The forecast was for rainfall in August – the second rainiest of the monsoon months – to be 6% more than normal rainfall but India ended up getting 15% more than normal rainfall.

Weather models used by the IMD to forecast rainfall over the next week or two have higher accuracy, and suggest that at least four cyclone precursors are expected to form in the next month.

Meanwhile, the cyclonic storm Asna has moved away from the Gujarat coast and continues to hover in the north-central Arabian Sea. It is expected to dissipate by September 2.

A depression that has formed over the northwest Bay of Bengal is likely to cross northern Andhra Pradesh late on Saturday but without becoming a cyclone, the IMD added.

Kolkata rape and murder: student leader gets bail, teachers protest

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Amid the ongoing protests over the rape and murder of a junior doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, the West Bengal government on Saturday appointed senior IAS officer Manoj Pant as the State's Chief Secretary and released one of the student organisers of the August 27 'March to Nabanna' on the instructions of the Calcutta High Court.

Sayan Lahiri, one of the leaders of Paschimbango Chattro Samaj, was arrested on the evening of August 27 for playing an active role in the 'March to Nabanna' rally. Granting bail to the student leader, the Calcutta High Court on Friday had said that Mr. Lahiri appears to be an absolutely insignificant character who does not hold any position of power or influence "in the massive cry for justice in the aftermath of the R.G. Kar incident".

Paschim Banga Chhtra Samaj leader Sayan Lahiri was released from custody, a day after the Calcutta High Court granted him bail. PTI

After his release, the student leader thanked Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and described incidents of stone throwing and violence as unfortunate. The West Bengal government is likely to approach the Supreme Court challenging the bail granted to the student leader.

With people from all walks of life taking to the streets demanding justice for him on Saturday, teachers from more than 20 reputed schools took out a procession.

The Trinamool leadership, which is pressing for stringent punishment for those convicted of crimes of sexual assault, held a demonstration in the city.

Resident doctors of State-run hospitals, who have been on a strike since August 9 after the body of the 31-year-old doctor was recovered, have decided to take up tele-medicine services to help patients who are suffering because of the strike.

More than 20 days after the probe into the gruesome incident has been taken up by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), rumours about the crime scene being tampered have been going around.

Five boys booked for assaulting Dalit teen and recording video

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh Police have booked at least five boys in Shahdol district for allegedly beating up a 17-year-old Dalit boy, forcing him to act like a rooster, and filming the incident.

According to the police, the incident took place on August 25 when a quarrel broke out between some juvenile boys of the same group of friends over an old dispute. The accused boys also allegedly forced the victim to act like a *murga* (rooster) and yell *"kukuduku"*.

Superintendent of Police (SP), Shahdol, Kumar Prateek told *The Hindu* that a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against the accused boys under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Mr. Prateek said the matter only came to light after the video surfaced on the Internet.

"After we came across the video, we identified the victim boy. However, he did not want any action in the matter, and it was only after counselling that he agreed," the SP said.

In the video, the accused boys are seen punching and kicking the victim, who is seen sitting on the ground in a squatting position in a wooded area.

"Three of the five boys have been identified by the victim and we are searching for all of them," Kotwali police station in-charge Raghvendra Tiwari said.

Elderly man slapped and abused on train over suspicion of carrying beef

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

The Government Railway Police (GRP) in Thane on Saturday registered a first information report (FIR) against a group of men who allegedly assaulted a 72-year-old man, named Haji Ashraf Munyar, on the Dhule-CSMT Express after accusing him of carrying beef. A preliminary probe in the case has revealed that the elderly person was carrying buffalo meat which is not banned in the State.

The issue came to light after a video of a physical and verbal assault of the elderly man by over a dozen men went viral on social media on Friday. The video was shared by All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MP Imtiaz Jaleel, calling out the State authorities for being silent spectators in the matter.

Haji Ashraf Munyar

The incident took place on August 28, when Mr. Munyar boarded a train from Chalisgaon in Jalgaon district to visit his daughter who lives in Kalyan. Mr. Munyar was travelling in a general compartment where over a dozen men began to harass him. The men in the video are seen slapping, hitting and kicking him on his face, eyes, and head constantly, asking him to show what was he carrying in his bag.

The victim can be heard responding that he is carrying buffalo meat, to which the men hit him again and said, "Is it cow meat?"

The man in the video is seen begging with folded hands to the assailants, requesting them to spare him. "We will call Bajrang Dal to chop your body. We will rape your mothers and sisters."

According to the police, the accused did not let the victim get off the train at the Kalyan railway station, his stop.

The victim's son, Ashfaq Ashraf, who spoke briefly with *The Hindu*, said, "We are in distress, scared, worried about our safety. He is not able to see properly with his left eye. He is in extreme pain."

As yet, the family has not accepted the FIR registered by the police as Section 307, punishment for attempt to murder, is not included in the copy. Under this section, the punishment can extend up to 10 years and in case the victim is hurt, then the maximum punishment is imprisonment for life.

After the video started doing the rounds on social media, the railway police commissioner took serious cognisance of the matter.

Senior GRP officials in Mumbai said that three prime suspects were detained in Dhule. One of the detained accused is identified as Aashu Avhad, son of a Special Reserved Police Force official in Maharashtra. The accused co-passengers were travelling in the same train compartment to Mumbai to appear for a police exam.

IMA again demands law to safeguard doctors from violence

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The IMA, in its letter to the National Task Force, formulated its submission in three sections

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has written to the National Task Force (NTF), which has been mandated to formulate a protocol for ensuring the safety and security of healthcare professionals, again demanding a central law on violence against doctors and hospitals, and declaring hospitals as safe zones.

The IMA, in its letter, formulated its submission in three sections.

First, putting forth its demand and justification for a Central Act, the IMA submitted its study, a draft proposal for Central Act, among others, as annexures.

"Absence of such law has resulted in half-hearted actions by the police and less than optimum prosecutions," it said.

Reasoning that deterrence is the best form of prevention, the IMA said that a strong central law will prevent violence across all sectors.

It will serve as an enabling Act to the State legislation.

Second, for its demand for declaring hospitals as safe zones, the IMA said the concept of safe zones could be embedded in the proposed law as well.

Third, it demanded improving the working and living conditions of the resident doctors.

Discontent brewing in J&K BJP over ticket; two more leaders leave party

After resigning, former Jammu district president says party is fielding 'outsiders'; last week, it was forced to withdraw its first list following protests by aspirants; national leader says decision taken not on mother-son or father-son connections

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

The BJP's worries have multiplied in Jammu ahead of the Assembly election as several leaders have left the party disappointed over the way ticket was distributed by the party high command in Delhi.

In the span of a day, two senior leaders announced their decision to sever relations with the party.

"I am resigning from all the posts and membership of the BJP. Despite being associated with the BJP for 40-42 years, I am saddened as we were not even considered once for ticket," the BJP's former Jammu district president, Kashmira Singh, said.

His resignation came just a day after another senior party leader, Chander Mohan Sharma, tendered his resignation on Friday and threatened to contest as an Independent.

Election strife: BJP workers stage a protest march in Jammu on Saturday, expressing dissatisfaction with the party's ticket distribution for the J&K Assembly election. PTI

"Ticket is being given to outsiders. Those who opposed our thoughts are becoming our candidates today," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Sharma hinted on Friday that the party was facing "resentment over the ticket distribution". He has been insisting on changing the candidate for the Jammu East Assembly constituency. Mr. Sharma was the party's Rajya Sabha face and lost to Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Earlier, the district president of Samba and the vice-president of Ramban also left the party.

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, however, downplayed the resentment brewing in the party.

"The BJP is a cadre-based organisation. Here decisions and destiny are not decided by mother-son or father-son connections. All workers have the right to express their viewpoint. The party has a vibrant democracy. It does not function as an autocracy," Mr. Chugh said.

Last week, the party had withdrawn its first list of 44 candidates following protests by aspirants. It then brought out a truncated list with 19 names for the first phase.

Mr. Chugh said the decision to withdraw the first list of candidates was "due to a clerical mistake".

The election to the 90-seat J&K Assembly will be held in three phases – on September 18 and 25, and October 1.

NC asks poll panel to clarify motive for transfer of senior police officials ahead of polls

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) MP Agha Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on Saturday questioned the motives behind the transfer of seven top police officers in Kashmir ahead of the Assembly election, and sought a clarification from the Election Commission over the matter.

"The Election Commission, during its J&K visit, promised free and fair elections. The election is taking place against the backdrop of unfortunate decisions [of 2019] that hurt our faith in democracy. It was also the first move to restore our faith in democracy. My colleagues have expressed apprehensions on the latest transfers in the police in Kashmir," Mr. Mehdi said.

Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi

The J&K administration, in compliance with the EC, has transferred seven top police officials in Kashmir, which include Senior Superintendents of Police Gurinderpal Singh (Baramulla), Shobhit Saksena (Kupwara) and Ashish Kumar Mishra (Srinagar); and Superintendent of Police, Handwara, Dawood Ayub.

In the major reshuffle, Imtiyaz Hussain Mir was posted as SSP of Srinagar, replacing Mr. Mishra; Muhammad Zaid was posted to Baramulla and Ghulam Jeelani Wani to Kupwara.

"The officer in Baramulla was transferred just within 10 days of his posting. We seek clarification from the EC. Are these transfers at the request of or on the directions of a particular party? No intervention should be allowed that makes the election process suspect or creates an imbalance," the MP said.

He said the poll body has to come up with a clarification on why these transfers were made.

'No bias'

"We expect the officers to be honest to their chair and duty. Their execution should not reflect any bias or favour to a party or its proxy. They should ensure a favourable situation from the point of law and order," Mr. Mehdi said.

Nadda meets Bhagwat as RSS meeting in Kerala debates national affairs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP president J.P. Nadda met Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday in Palakkad, where a three-day coordination meeting of the RSS began on Saturday. They had a closed-door meeting for 25-30 minutes, sources said.

This the first time the two are meeting after Mr. Nadda's controversial remark during the Lok Sabha election that the BJP did not need the RSS any more as the party was capable enough to handle its own affairs.

The meeting, attended by 300 office-bearers of the Sangh Parivar, paid homage to the victims of the Wayanad landslides,

On the first day, the heads of seven RSS-affiliated organisations presented their report cards for the year gone by and detailed their plans for the year ahead. There were brief discussions on current affairs in the country and social transformation and schemes in the context of national interest.

BJP national president J.P. Nadda and others at the Akhil Bharatiya Samanvay Baithak of the RSS, in Palakkad, on Saturday. ANI

On Sunday, Mr. Nadda, accompanied by BJP general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santosh and joint general secretary (organisation) Shiv Prakash, will brief the meeting on the party's achievements as it had managed to win power for a third consecutive term at the Centre. They would explain the factors that had forced the return to a coalition government after a decade.

RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale and joint general secretaries Krishna Gopal, C.R. Mukund, Arun Kumar, Ram Dutt Chakradar, Atul Limaye, and Alok Kumar were present. The heads of RSS off-shoots, including the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, and the RSS's women's wing chief, Shantakka, participated.

A small briefing on the preparations for the RSS's centenary year celebrations, which will held from Vijayadashami in 2025 to the festival in 2026, was also held.

At Shambhu, Vinesh Phogat takes up the cudgels on behalf of farmers

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Olympics wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Saturday attended the farmers' protest that crossed 200 days at Shambhu village in Punjab in support of their long-pending demands such as a statutory minimum support price (MSP) for their produce and farm loan waiver.

"I have come to extend support to my family... the farmers of the country are in trouble, their problems should be resolved, in fact, it should be the first priority of the government to resolve their issues," said Ms. Phogat, who lost a top medal at the Paris Olympics after being disqualified from the final bout for weighing just 100 grams more.

Groups of farmers under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political), the two umbrella bodies leading the agitation in Punjab, have been camping at the Shambhu-Ambala and Khanauri-Jind boundaries between Haryana and Punjab since February 13 after being stopped from entering Haryana. They had earlier given a call for a "Delhi *Chalo*" march.

Olympian Vinesh Phogat being felicitated at a farmers' rally on the 200th day of their protest, at Shambhu border, on Saturday. PTI

'Feel helpless'

"... the government should listen to farmers. The government after the previous farmers' protest (referring to the year-long farmers' protest on farm laws) made a few promises to them, which it should fulfil. If the people of the country keep sitting (for protest) on the road, it's not good for the country... It's been 200 days that farmers have been in protest, but, sadly, the government is not listening," Ms. Phogat said at Shambhu, where she was felicitated by the protesting farmers.

Pointing out that it hurts to see the farmers protesting for their legitimate demands, she added, "At times, we feel helpless at not being able to do anything for them. We represent the country at the international level, but we could not do anything for our own family [farmers]. I have come here to tell you that your daughter is with you. I request the government to listen to them."

Four rounds of meetings were held between the Centre and the farmers' leaders ahead of the Lok Sabha election but it did not result in anything concrete.

Primary concern

The farmers are on the streets ruing that a law on the MSP has not been enacted yet, and the Union government is turning a blind eye to their other demands despite repeated appeals.

The MSP is the price at which the government promises, on paper, to procure agricultural produce from them.

Farmers say that though the Centre promised to look into their demands during the earlier agitation on the controversial (repealed) farm laws, it has been going slow on its commitments.

Minister Giriraj Singh attacked at public event

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Union Minister and BJP MP from Begusarai in Bihar, Giriraj Singh, was allegedly attacked on Saturday at a public event in his Lok Sabha constituency. An accused was later taken into police custody.

Mr. Singh, in a post on X, said he was not afraid of such things and would continue to raise his voice against those who want to spoil communal harmony.

"He used abusive language, but no matter how many terror-mongers come, it will not affect me," he told presspersons.

He was allegedly attacked when he was holding a Janata Durbar.

The alleged attacker stormed the event, grabbed the microphone, and shouted slogans against the Minister. He was soon overpowered by people gathered at the event and was handed over to the police. "The person is in police custody and investigation is on," said Begusarai Police Superintendent.

Uniform code essential for gender justice, says Uttarakhand Speaker

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

As Uttarakhand gears up to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) on November 9, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, from the BJP, has termed the measure "essential for gender justice" since customary law is often discriminatory against women.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on a range of issues, Ms. Bhushan said the requirement that live-in relationships be registered with local authorities under the UCC in Uttarakhand was a measure for the "protection of young women" who were, according to her, tossed aside when relationships soured.

"Women are the weakest section of society, and customary law is discriminatory against women. The UCC in that regard is a tool of empowerment, especially in the context of property rights for women, they gain from having a UCC. In a State like Uttarakhand with its rural population, this is essential. Other rights are also guaranteed to women, for example, even today, if a woman wants a divorce, it's not easy. Under certain customary laws of certain religions, even adoption is not allowed, forget about single women adopting," she said.

Ritu Khanduri Bhushan

The UCC makes it mandatory for couples in live-in relationships to register with the local authority, and the same applies if the relationship ceases. Children born of the union are considered legitimate and women have a right to maintenance if the relationship ends. Failing to register the relationship could lead to prosecution. All these clauses have raised apprehensions of a 'nanny state' and of the harassment of couples by local authorities at the behest of parents and other relatives.

Ms. Bhushan, however, feels that the issue has to be seen in the context of Uttarakhand and that the door could be open to amendments if needed.

"For the protection of women under such circumstances, registration is required. I don't deny that it may leave the door open to harassment by authorities, and that, I will say that this is not the end of the discussions over the shape of the UCC. At the initiation stage itself, at the public consultation level on the UCC, we considered over two lakh suggestions, and it is possible that some clauses are reconsidered once a period of time elapses and we have experience of the UCC in action," she said.

Ms. Bhushan also refused to posit a binary between environmental protection and the need for development.

"We have 70% forest land and are the lungs of this part of the country. You cannot protect the forests without taking rights of local people into account. I would say that to posit the debate between infrastructure and ecology is wrong. The issue is more about using technology that mediates the two. To say that there is some obligation on only Uttarakhand to think about the ecological health of the rest of the country is wrong," she said.

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A shared dislike for the humiliation of Kashmiris

'A.G. Noorani, lawyer and scholar, was known for his rights-based approach; his work on J&K combined a passionate commitment to the Kashmir cause with an absolute respect for fact'

Radha Kumar
Writer and policy analyst

I first met A.G. Noorani in 2012, though I had been reading him for at least a decade by then. It was, I think, in Srinagar, and we were both on a boat ride with friends. I was quite nervous, since he had been scathing about my mission as the member of a government-appointed group of interlocutors for Jammu and Kashmir from the inception; never inconsistent, he was scathing about the report we prepared at the conclusion of our mission.

He was as nervous as I, assuming I would hold a grudge at his remarks about our work. But my respect for his scholarship far outweighed any resentment I had, as he soon realised. We had much to share, not only in terms of concern for Jammu and Kashmir, but more personal experiences too. Both of us had been invited by Omar Abdullah when he first became Chief Minister, to advise him on a peace process for Jammu and Kashmir. Both of us had responded enthusiastically, but never heard back. Each of us had initially assumed we had been dropped in favour of others, but in fact Mr. Abdullah had put his initial invitation on hold for the duration of his tenure. Noorani thought it was because Mr. Abdullah had developed cold feet; I thought it was because his colleagues had remonstrated that he should not be seen to be advised by non-Kashmiris. My interpretation appeared to be novel to Noorani – though he was sceptical at first, he grew to find it reassuring.

Noorani was one of a tiny handful of people who were admired by both the pro-independence and the pro-autonomy groups in Kashmir (the latter are generally regarded as pro-India in the Valley). He was feted by Syed Ali Shah Geelani's Hurriyat as well as Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's Hurriyat; if not feted by the National Conference (NC) or the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), which had reason to fear his sharp criticism. He was highly respected by them.

Not only had he defended Sheikh Abdullah during his trial, he had meticulously documented the many ways in which Article 370's autonomy powers had been whittled down over the decades.

A.G. Noorani was one of a handful of people who were admired by both the pro-independence and the pro-autonomy groups in Kashmir. FILE PHOTO

His work provided the bedrock of the NC's claim for restoration of the original powers that Article 370 vested in the Jammu and Kashmir administration and people.

Given the depth and range of his knowledge of Kashmir that spanned over six decades, it was saddening that he was not consulted by successive Indian administrations to the extent that he should have been. Perhaps his unflinchingly rights-based approach was a deterrent; his knowledge of Jammu and Ladakh was also less deep than his knowledge of the Valley, though that should not have been a consideration since others could have been consulted on Jammu or Ladakh-specific issues. His as yet unmatched factual knowledge should have been a sufficient draw for policymakers; it remains a deep flaw of Indian administration that such factual knowledge is not prized when it comes to policy formulation.

We came from very different places when it came to Jammu and Kashmir. He saw all the rights that had been snatched. I searched the ground for a peace process that might well require compromise by all sides. At the end of our conversation, though, we knew we had one thing in common. We both deeply disliked the humiliation the people of the former State had been subjected to, along with their political leaders. Our anger at the Narendra Modi-led administration's unilateral actions in 2019 was equally great, as was our desire for restoration of dignity and choice.

Unlike that of most scholars, Noorani's work on Jammu and Kashmir combined passionate commitment to the Kashmir cause with an absolute respect for fact. He became the authoritative go-to for all students of Jammu and Kashmir during his lifetime, a feat few scholars can boast of. There is little doubt his scholarship will remain authoritative for generations to come.

For me, the time spent with Noorani was invaluable not only to learn more about Jammu and Kashmir, but also because he epitomised a Mumbai that I thought I had lost: of upstanding, pernickety and courteous gentlemen who focused on maddeningly minute details in the recognition that every detail counts. He took integrity as a baseline, a quality that was sorely missing in the Delhi I grew up in. He was fearsomely critical but did not descend to personal abuse, certainly never of women. He was dogmatic but willing to listen, and even occasionally moderate his views.

I continue to return to Noorani's writings again and again. But for me, his most treasured words were, "Call me Ghafoor." I knew then that he had admitted me to his friends' circle. Sadly, we did not meet again.

INBRIEF

Centre plans foot-and-mouth disease-free zones in 8 States

The Union government has decided to establish foot-and-mouth disease-free zones in eight States – Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Gujarat – in a bid to expand export opportunities for Indian animal products, and enhance the country's global market presence. Advanced vaccination efforts are underway in these States, according to Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, while speaking at a workshop on Saturday.

Awami League leader's body handed over to Bangladesh

The Meghalaya government handed over the body of Awami League leader Ishaque Ali Khan Panna to Bangladeshi authorities on Saturday. He was found dead at a betel nut plantation in the Dona Bhoi area of the State's East Jaintia Hills district on Monday. Officials in Meghalaya said the Bangladesh government had deputed an official to collect the body. It was handed over to the representative of Dhaka after identification and necessary paperwork. Mr. Panna's body was then taken to a friendship gate of the BSF and the Border Guard Bangladesh at Dawki, from where it was taken to Bangladesh's Pirojpur district via Tamabil across the border.

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IAF helicopter lifts damaged chopper, drops it in mid-air

Mi-17 V5 helicopter was transporting the damaged civil chopper in Kedarnath when it had to be discarded for flight safety; the IAF has ordered a probe into the incident; no casualty reported

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A damaged helicopter being airlifted from Kedarnath as an underslung load by an Indian Air Force helicopter crashed to the ground after it became unstable and was dropped in mid-air. No casualty was reported. The IAF has ordered an inquiry.

The IAF said an Mi-17 V5 helicopter was transporting the damaged civil helicopter in the Kedarnath valley when the load had to be discarded for reasons of flight safety.

"The crew safely released the load over an unpopulated area, ensuring no damage to life or property. An enquiry has been ordered," the IAF said.

The helicopter owned by Crystal Aviation Private Ltd. had an emergency landing in Kedarnath on May 24 after it developed a snag in mid-air. The pilot had ensured that all seven occupants of the helicopter landed unhurt at the time. Rahul Chaubey, District Tourism Officer, said the helicopter was being taken to Gauchar for repairs.

A civil helicopter being carried to the Gauchar airstrip by a helicopter of the Indian Air Force (left); and the wreckage after it was jettisoned when the load became unstable near Kedarnath. PTI

Probable reason

Speaking on the probable reason for the incident, an IAF officer explained that oscillations occur when aerodynamic objects were underslung. "When oscillations become too much, it can go out of control and becomes a risk to the helicopter that is carrying it. So, it was jettisoned at a safe location," he said.

47 rescued from Laos cyber scam centres

Press Trust of India
VIENTIANE

At least 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres in Laos have been rescued from Bokeo province of the country, the Indian Embassy in the Southeast Asian country said on Saturday.

Indian authorities have been cautioning its nationals against fake job offers in Laos and urged them to conduct due diligence to avoid being deceived. The Indian mission has so far rescued 635 Indians from the country and ensured their safe return home.

In the latest case, the embassy rescued 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres at the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Bokeo province.

"Of these, 29 were handed over to the Embassy by Laos authorities after their crackdown on illegal activities in Golden Triangle SEZ, while other 18 had approached the Embassy in distress, seeking help," the statement posted on X said. It said the embassy officials travelled from the capital Vientiane to Bokeo to liaise with local authorities for their rescue.

It added that Prashant Agrawal, the Ambassador of India to Laos, met the group upon their arrival to discuss the challenges they faced and to advise further course of action.

The embassy has undertaken and completed all procedural requirements of Laos authorities for their repatriation to India, the statement said, adding that 30 of those have already safely returned to India or are on their way, while the remaining 17 are only awaiting travel arrangements to be firmed up and would be leaving the country soon.

Mr. Agrawal said that "ensuring the safety and well-being" of Indians was a matter of top priority.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had discussed the issue of trafficking of Indian nationals with Laos Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone during his visit to the Southeast Asian nation last month.

Telugu film industry women seek release of 2022 report

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo
HYDERABAD

Leading women actors, producers, and directors of Telugu films are pushing the Telangana government to release a two-year-old report on sexual harassment in the industry, as the first step toward creating a safe working environment.

The Movie Artistes Association and the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce are also learnt to be discussing how to address this issue.

The Voice of Women (VoW), a support group for women in the Telugu film industry, issued a statement on Friday drawing parallels to the Hema Committee's revelations of sexual exploitation in Malayalam cinema. The statement garnered attention when it was shared on social media by actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu, and others.

"We welcome the Hema Committee report and applaud the persistent efforts of the WCC [Women in Cinema Collective] in Kerala, which has laid the path to this moment. Taking a cue from the WCC, The Voice of Women was created in 2019. We hereby urge the Telangana government to publish the submitted subcommittee report on sexual harassment, which can help frame government and industry policies to establish a safe working environment for women in the Telugu film industry," the statement said.

The 235-page Hema Committee report on the working conditions, discrimination and allegations of sexual exploitation in the Malayalam film industry has had a snowball effect. After the report was made public on August 19, several women actors came forward and shared their experiences. Since then, there have been discussions about the necessity for probe into other language film industries.

Can of worms

A similar study was conducted on the Telugu film industry in the wake of actor Sri Reddy's allegations in 2018 and the #MeToo movement. However, the report submitted to the Telangana government in June 2022 is yet to see the light of day.

In 2018, Ms. Sri Reddy had alleged sexual harassment and staged a protest outside the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce, which made everyone sit up and take notice. However, she was soon shamed and banned by the Movie Artistes Association.

Director Nandini Reddy (left) and actor Jhansi (right).

Her allegations had, however, opened a can of worms about the rampant sexual harassment in the industry and the issue became tough to brush under the carpet.

VoW's formation

VoW was then formed as a support group, with a few prominent women producers, directors and actors stepping forward with an intent to clean up the system. "VoW did not emerge from a government mandate. It began as a collective support group for women in cinema, television, theatre and media. We had to do this because even today, no film union will take the initiative to make the workplace safe for women," says actor Jhansi, a founding member speaking on behalf of VoW.

Producers Supriya Yarlagadda, Swapna Dutt, C. Kalyan, Damodar Prasad, and director Nandini Reddy are among those who have been actively engaging with varied stakeholders in the industry on this issue since 2018. VoW members began talking to production houses and unions to set up Internal Complaints Committees, but felt that more action was required.

A public interest litigation petition filed by the Telangana Women's Organisation joint action committee prompted the State government to set up a high-level committee (HLC) under the Department of Cinematography. It also included members from the Labour, Human Rights, and Women and Child Welfare departments, along with the State police.

Later, a sub-committee was formed with members of civil rights societies and voluntary organisations as well.

Report kept in 2022

A. Suneetha, an independent researcher and member of the All India Feminist Alliance, who was part of the HLC sub-committee, says that several interviews and sessions were conducted between July 2019 and March 2020, and then again in 2021. After that, a report was finalised and submitted on June 1, 2022, to the then-Chief Secretary, Somesh Kumar.

"Denying entry points for work has been a pressing issue," says Ms. Jhansi, explaining how unions that are supposed to function as welfare bodies have become gatekeepers, demanding hefty registration fees up to a few lakh rupees, for which there are no receipts.

"Women art directors and junior artists do not have it easy either. The key word [or euphemism] for sexual favours used to be 'commitment'. Since the #MeToo movement, predators have changed the way they communicate but the issue persists," Ms. Jhansi says.

Guidelines needed

Director Nandini Reddy says that if the Telangana government were to publish the report and frame guidelines in cognisance of women's groups and legal bodies, it would pave the way forward.

"If any actress or technician comes forward to take the legal route, she should not be shamed. We lost momentum and significant time due to the pandemic but hopefully, a framework of guidelines can now be put in place."

INBRIEF

Royal Enfield unveils 2024 Classic 350 at ₹1,99,500

Royal Enfield Ltd. unveiled the 2024 edition of Classic 350 at a starting price of ₹1,99,500 (ex-showroom). Booking and test rides would start on September 1. The product would be available in seven colours across five new variants. "The Classic 350 is a true embodiment of Royal Enfield's pure motorcycling DNA and remained the purest expression of elegance, fine craftsmanship and ever-lasting style and beauty," CEO B. Govindarajan said.

NBCC announces 1:2 bonus issue; to use ₹90 cr. reserve

State-owned builder NBCC (India) Ltd. said its board had recommended issue of bonus shares in the ratio of 1:2 [1 new, fully paid-up equity share of ₹1 each for every two existing shares]. As a result, NBCC's paid-up equity share capital will rise to ₹270 crore from ₹180 crore. The firm will use ₹90 crore of free reserve for the issue. "The bonus issue is a testament to the robust performance and sound financial position of NBCC," CMD K.P. Mahadevaswamy said.

US consumer spending solid in July; inflation rises slightly

U.S. consumer spending increased solidly in July, suggesting the economy remained on firmer ground early in the third quarter and arguing against a half-percentage-point interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve next month. The report from the Commerce Department also showed prices rising moderately last month, curbing inflation. A jump in the unemployment rate to a near three-year high of 4.3% in July stoked fears over the economy's health. REUTERS

'Slowing of GDP growth due to lower govt. spending, MCC'

RBI Governor Das says enforcement of the model code of conduct for Lok Sabha polls dampened government spending thereby dragging down growth; expects a pick up in the coming quarters

Press Trust of India
BHUBANESWAR

The slowing of India's economic growth to a 15-month low of 6.7% in the April-June quarter was due to "lower" government spending in the wake of the enforcement of the model code of conduct for the recent Lok Sabha polls, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said here on Saturday.

"The Reserve Bank projected a growth rate of 7.1% for the first quarter. However, the first advance estimates... showed the growth rate at 6.7%," Mr. Das told reporters.

A blip: Growth drivers consumption, investment, manufacturing, services and construction grew over 7%, says Das. ANI

The main drivers responsible for the GDP growth like consumption, investment, manufacturing, services and construction had registered a growth of more than 7%, he said.

Only two aspects had pulled growth slightly down. Those were government (both Central and State) expenditure and agriculture, the RBI governor pointed out. He said government expenditure was low during the first quarter perhaps due to elections and operation of model code of conduct.

"We would expect the government expenditure to pick up in coming quarters and provide the required support to growth," Mr. Das said.

China's factory PMI adds to stimulus case

Reuters
BEIJING

Manufacturing activity sank to a six-month low in August as owners struggled for orders

China's manufacturing activity sank to a six-month low in August as factory gate prices tumbled and owners struggled for orders, an official survey showed on Saturday, pressuring policymakers to press on with plans to direct more stimulus to households.

The National Bureau of Statistics purchasing managers' index slipped to 49.1 from 49.4 in July, its sixth straight decline and fourth month below the 50 mark.

After a dismal second quarter, the second-largest economy lost momentum further in July, prompting policymakers to signal they were ready to leave their playbook of pouring funds into infrastructure, instead targeting fresh stimulus at households.

Sentiment remains gloomy among manufacturers as a years-long property crisis keeps domestic demand in the doldrums and Western curbs loom on exports such as EVs.

Producers reported factory gate prices were the worst in 14 months, while new order and new export order sub-indices stayed in negative territory and firms retained a hiring halt.

DGTR moots levy on China aluminium foil

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's Trade Ministry has recommended imposing an anti-dumping duty on aluminium foil imported from China after surging shipments from the neighbouring country captured almost a third of India's market share despite ample local output capacity.

The recommendation, contained in a report published by the Ministry late on Friday and submitted to the government for approval, seeks to address a threat to the domestic manufacturing industry, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies said. It recommended $619-$873 per metric ton duty on foil up to 80 microns thick, excluding aluminium foil below 5.5 microns for non-capacitor application.

Aviva India unit 'engaging' with taxmen over probe

Reuters
NEW DELHI

British insurer Aviva said on Saturday its India unit is 'actively engaging' with local authorities in connection with alleged tax evasion practices.

Reuters reported on Friday an Indian tax agency has found that Aviva India breached local regulations capping commissions to sales agents with a system of fake invoices and clandestine cash payments between 2017 and 2023.

Madras Engineering eyes threefold revenue growth

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Madras Engineering Industries Pvt. Ltd. (MEI) plans to grow revenue threefold and increase exports to 50% over the next few years, said a top executive.

"At present, revenue is about ₹800 crore and we have been growing at 15-20% YoY," JMD Sriram Sivaram told *The Hindu*.

The city-based auto parts maker is aiming at a topline of ₹2,500 crore by 2030-32 via systematic capital expenditure every year to raise production.

Sriram Sivaram

On an average, MEI has been investing about ₹30 crore in expansion every year over the past decade.

"We need to make fresh investments of over ₹200 crore as we grow. The funding will come from internal accruals," he added.

MEI is the 'largest' producer of slack adjusters globally which contributes to 50% of the revenue.

"Now, 60% of revenue comes from local market and 40% via exports. We are trying to have 50:50 over the years."

Mr. Sivaram said MEI in association with IIT-M has developed truck ABS (anti-braking system).

"Globally, only two firms ZF-Wabco and Knorr-Bremse are active in this $10-billion market. We are trying to penetrate this market segment which offers huge potential."

For jobs, there's nothing but the government in Jammu and Kashmir

JOB SCENARIO

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Government everywhere: 1.13 lakh aspirants registered and 97,793 wrote the exam in 2022, to fill 1200 SI posts. NISSAR AHMAD

Professionals and those with graduate and post-graduate degrees in Jammu and Kashmir are heavily dependent on government jobs as the Union Territory (UT) lacks an industrial base, resulting in a high level of joblessness among educated youth. In comparison, those who are less qualified mainly end up eking out a living from the government's 100-day rural job guarantee scheme.

Reyaz Khan completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, in 2010 and is yet to find a job in Kashmir. "In the last 14 years, the government had only two recruitment drives for dental surgeons. I was eligible for the first one in March 2012 when only 18 posts were filled. I am not eligible for the recently advertised posts," Mr. Khan said, because he is over the age limit to qualify for the job.

J&K produces 226 dental surgeons annually, according to official figures. An equal number of students pursue BDS outside the UT.

According to official figures, medical professionals, engineers, post graduates and those with doctorates find fewer jobs in Kashmir.

J&K Directorate of Employment's (DoE) data from the the first quarter of CY 2024 alone shows that 3.52 lakh youth registered with the department. Of this, 1.09 lakh youth were graduates and post-graduates. This is 31%, or almost a third of total unemployed youth in the UT.

In the October-December quarter of 2023, as many as 99,322 graduates and post graduates had registered with the department, indicating a rise of 10,000 unemployed graduates and post graduates registered with the DoE.

There is a wide gap between official and non-government figures on unemployment in J&K. The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) painted a grim picture in April last year when the UT had among the highest unemployment rates in India at 23.1%. However, J&K government's 2023 economic survey showed a declining trend in unemployment. It claimed that the unemployment rate declined from 6.7% in 2019-20 to 5.2% in 2021-22.

The economic survey also states the quarterly urban unemployment rate (UUR) declined to 13.5% in October-December 2022 from 14.4% in the year-earlier period. While the Periodic Labour Force (PLFS) data mentions 8.2% as the national average UUR for the same period.

This wide gap even in official figures is a pointer to growing urban unemployment in J&K.

J&K has no major manufacturing units. The private sector is confined to providing services in farming, hospitality and health. It's the government with more than 4.5-lakh strong staff that oils the consumer and services sectors of the UT.

Recruitment scams

However, the delay in the recruitment processes in government jobs due to allegations of exam paper leaks and bribes has delayed hiring across departments for four years now. This has made several who were considered "hired" to ineligibility, on account of their age. Recruitment into J&K Fire and Emergency Services, Finance Accounts Assistant, and Sub-Inspector positions are being investigated on such charges.

A record 1.13 lakh aspirants registered and 97,793 wrote the examination conducted by the J&K Service Selection Board (JKSSB) in 2022, to fill 1200 Sub-Inspector posts. But the J&K Lieutenant Governor selection annulled the selection list and ordered an inquiry alleging "fraud" and "unfair means". He decided to hold the recruitment afresh, which disappointed many selected candidates.

"These recruitment scams forced one lakh youth to settle for menial jobs than mustering the courage to appear for the examinations again. We must conduct a survey to gauge the mental and financial toll these scams have taken on job seekers and their families," a Sub-Inspector aspirant said, wishing not to be named.

The start-up ecosystem also portrays a grim scenario in J&K with just 835 start-ups registered with Startup India, compared with 2,429 in Punjab, 5,579 in Rajasthan and 9,684 in Tamil Nadu. But the J&K government claims to have provided an assistance of ₹1,384 crores to 94,680 young entrepreneurs between financial years 2021 and 2023 and created self-employment opportunities for 8.34 lakh youth.

Poor daily wages

J&K has more than 60,000 government daily wagers working for ₹300 per day. According to official figures they have been working for more than 15 years and remain on contract even in departments like Power Development, Public Health and Engineering.

"Hundreds of workers engaged by the Wildlife department for 20 years are yet to get status as casual labourers. They are called seasonal workers. We offer services in man-animal conflict and forest fires but do not get paid on par with casual labourers," Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, VP Wildlife Casual Labour Association said.

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NIB Code : PWD2425A1258

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राज्य में AICTE अनुमोदित पाठ्यक्रम (BBA,BCA, Integrated BBA+MBA, BCA+MCA) के संस्थानों को सत्र 2024–25 में प्रवेश हेतु राजस्थान BBA/BCA प्रवेश प्रक्रिया 2024 (RBBAP 2024) के वेब पोर्टल (**https://www.bturbbap2024.com, https://www.btu.ac.in**) पर दिनांक 04/09/2024 तक पंजीकरण करवा सकते है।

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क्रमांकः- 1103-1108 दिनांकः- 27.08.2024

निविदा सूचना संख्याः 01 वर्ष 2024-2025
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क्रमांकः फा./निविदा/2024-25/1853 दिनांकः- 20.08.2024

निविदा संशोधन (Corrigendum)

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1567-87 दिनांक 29.07.2024 से जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 02/2024-25 जिला दौसा में केन्द्रीय सड़क इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर निधि योजना के अन्तर्गत चौड़ाईकरण एवं सुदृढ़ीकरण सडकों का निर्माण कार्य के कुल 1 कार्य मय 5 पाँच वर्ष की डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी के अन्तर्गत वर्णित तिथियों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है जिन्हें वेबसाईट **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

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2.	Senior Accounts Officer	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	01
3.	Executive Engineer (Civil)	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	01
4.	Nursing Superintendent	A	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)	02
5.	Upper Division Clerk	C	Level 04 (Rs. 25500-81100)	01
			Total Posts	06

For application form, eligibility criteria, essential and desirable qualifications / experience, and related details, please visit www.aiimsgorakhpur.edu.in. Applications completed in all respect should be sent through registered post only to **Recruitment Cell, Admin Block, Medical College Building, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Kunraghat, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) 273008** which should reach within 30 days from the date of publication of notification in the Employment News.

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Facts alone fall short in correcting science misinformation

The Hindu Bureau

Just the facts may not be enough to overcome misinformation, a recent study indicates. In an experiment, 152 college students, who had been exposed to misinformation, read one of two articles intended to give them the correct, scientifically backed information. Those who read an expository article which had "just the facts" retained more misconceptions than those who read an article with a refutation – meaning it specifically called out the false claims before presenting the facts.

The study published in *Journal of Research in Science Teaching* adds evidence that a refutation approach may be a better way to combat misinformation than traditional methods of communicating science.

For this study, researchers first tested what the student participants knew about putting fluoride in water.

The students then read two articles: one with false information saying that fluoridation is harmful and another presenting the scientific consensus that fluoridation is safe and prevents dental disease.

The participants all read the same misinformation text, but different groups read an article with the correct information either in a traditional "just the facts" style or one that first refuted the misinformation. The study also tested the effects of having the participants read the correct article before, or after, the misinformation.

Sorting facts

A post-test revealed that the students still learned under all four conditions – but the group that performed the worst had seen the misinformation first, followed by a "just the facts" type text. Those who had read the refutation article either before, or after, the misinformation had fewer misconceptions. They also had more positive emotions toward the subject.

With a profusion of information easily available on the internet, it can be hard for many people to sort fact from falsehood. This can cause a problem researchers call "conceptual contamination" – when learning incorrect information interferes with learning the correct information.

The researchers chose fluoridation for this experiment because it is less politically charged than other scientific topics like climate change or evolution. However, Danielson and his colleagues recently did a meta-analysis published in the journal Educational Psychologist of 76 other educational studies.

They found the refutational approach works well for a wide range of topics from noncontroversial issues in physics and chemistry to highly controversial ones including climate change and evolution as well as genetically modified foods and vaccines.

IACS scientists discover a new target for cancer treatment

A combination of inhibitors that target different aspects of cell cycle and DNA replication makes it hard for cancer cells to survive, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of the treatment

R. Prasad

Using human breast cancer cells, a team of scientists at the Kolkata-based Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) has discovered a new target for killing cancer cells, which can potentially lead to new therapies. This target is used by cancer cells to regulate DNA repair during cell division. The results of the study were published recently in *The EMBO* Journal.

The work sheds light on how cancer cells respond to topoisomerase 1-targeted chemotherapy, including how cancer cells sometimes develop resistance to treatment using their intrinsic DNA repair toolbox. These insights could pave the way for precision medicine approaches for cancer patients.

Developing novel anticancer therapeutics may become possible through a combinatorial targeting of two key molecules – the CDK1 protein and the TDP1 enzyme. Present anti-cancer drugs – camptothecin, topotecan, and irinotecan – target a molecule (the enzyme topoisomerase 1 or Top1) involved in DNA metabolic processes like replication and transcription. The role of DNA topoisomerase 1 is critical for mitosis as it relaxes the DNA supercoil generated in the condensed chromosomes due to transcription.

"For the past decade at IACS, we have been investigating DNA repair pathways that provide resistance to camptothecin and its clinical derivatives," says Dr. Benu Brata Das, Professor at the School of Biological Sciences at IACS and the corresponding author of the paper.

"Our goal is to uncover new methods to target and eliminate these pathways through targeted or personalised chemotherapy, especially in breast and ovarian cancer. We are currently using mouse models to test the combination drug therapies using *in vivo* tumours."

Treatment strategies

Top1, an enzyme found in all higher organisms, plays a crucial role in maintaining the DNA structure during replication and transcription. Drugs that target Top1 disrupt its activity, leading to the death of many cells, including cancer cells. However, cancer cells can activate repair mechanisms using a protein called TDP1, which counteracts the effect of the drug.

Understanding the overexpression of various DNA repair proteins like Top1, TDP1, or CDK1 in cancers can provide critical insights into tumour biology.

These can help in diagnosing and predicting cancer outcomes and guide the development of targeted and personalised treatment strategies. Knowing these biomarkers is essential for advancing cancer therapy, understanding resistance mechanisms, and improving patient outcomes, says Dr. Das.

The researchers at IACS have identified a key DNA repair protein – TDP1 – which plays a role in repairing DNA damage in cancer cells. Their study shows that cells switch their repair tools depending on the stage of the cell cycle and the presence of a drug called camptothecin that is used in chemotherapy. They discovered that a specific change (phosphorylation) in TDP1 helps remove the TDP1 from the chromosomes during cell division. This finding is important because it helps explain how cells accurately divide and how problems in this process can lead to cancer.

The study suggests that targeting another protein (CDK1) can disrupt the Top1-mediated DNA damage-associated repair process, potentially killing cancer cells by causing chromosomal instability and stopping cell division. "We discover a new mechanism where we show CDK1 directly regulates TDP1 through chemical fine tuning to repair DNA breaks generated by camptothecin, during mitosis thus offering resistance to chemotherapy," says Srijita Paul Chowdhuri, the first author of the paper.

CDK1 inhibitors – avotaciclib, alvocidib, ronociclib, riviciclib, and dinaciclib – are currently in various stages of clinical trials. These inhibitors can be used alone or in combination with other DNA-damaging agents. Combining CDK1 inhibitors with Top1 inhibitors may have a powerful effect on cancer cells, the study finds.

While Top1 inhibitors cause DNA damage, the CDK1 inhibitors prevent the repair of this damaged DNA or stop the cell cycle.

This combination makes it very hard for cancer cells to survive and can enhance the overall effectiveness of the treatment by targeting different aspects of the cell cycle and DNA replication.

Evading treatment

"Cancer cells often develop resistance to single-agent therapies through various mechanisms, such as improved DNA repair pathways or changes in the cell cycle regulation. By using both Top1 and CDK1 inhibitors together, this resistance can be overcome, making it less likely for cancer cells to evade treatment," says Dr. Das.

"Since the rate of proliferation is higher in the case of cancer cells, there are higher chances of the combination drug being taken up by cancer cells," says Dr. Das. "The personalised approach of combinatorial chemotherapy will effectively kill cancer cells by bypassing induced chemoresistance. More studies are needed to confirm the lab results," he says.

The first step towards targeted chemotherapy

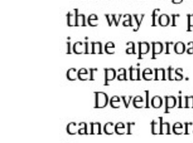
IACS researchers have discovered a new target for killing cancer cells

- The new target that has been discovered is used by cancer cells to regulate DNA repair during cell division
- Cancer cells can develop resistance to treatment by using intrinsic DNA repair mechanism
- A combinatorial targeting of two key molecules — the CDK1 protein and the TDP1 enzyme — may lead to novel anti-cancer therapeutics
- Currently, anti-cancer drugs target a molecule (Top1) involved in DNA replication and transcription
- While drugs that target Top1 can disrupt its activity leading to the death of cancer cells, cancer cells can activate their repair mechanisms to counteract the drug effects
- Targeting another protein (CDK1) that disrupts the Top1-mediated repair process can potentially kill the cancer cells

IACS researchers are currently using mouse models to test the combination drug therapies using in vivo tumours

- Combining CDK1 inhibitors with Top1 inhibitors can prove lethal for cancer cells

The chemical treasury in garlic



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

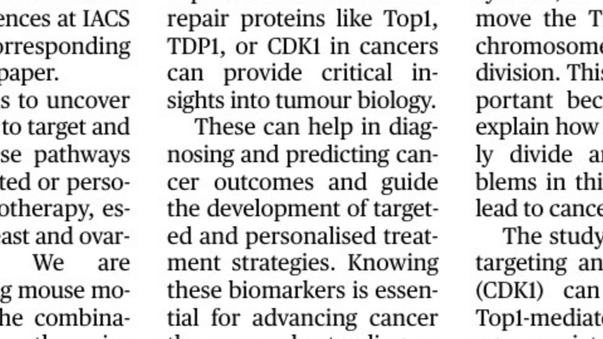
D. Balasubramanian

Plants, unlike animals, cannot escape predators. They are literally rooted to one spot. They have overcome this disadvantage by arming themselves with a vast chemical armory as a defense.

Those parts of a plant that are below the ground are particularly vulnerable to attack. Bacteria, fungi, nematodes, larvae, snails, mice – the list of threats is long. Not surprisingly, plants such as onion and garlic, which store food for future growth in underground bulbs, have equipped themselves with defensive chemicals of every conceivable hue and variety.

A recent inventory of the molecular army of garlic, using very sensitive analytical tools of chemistry has shown that there are over 2,300 chemicals in its cloves. Most of them are there for reasons that we do not comprehend yet. Barely 70 of these figures are in today's nutrition charts. These include manganese, selenium, and vitamin B6: three human nutrients that garlic is particularly rich in.

Many of the other constituents - thiosulfinates, lectins, saponins and flavonoids, to name a few - can play protective roles in humans too. It is not surprising that humans have a long history of incorporating garlic into their diets. Sumerian clay tablets from 4000 years ago have recipes that use garlic. And beyond nutritive value, garlic has been used for its medicinal properties in many cultures.



A fraction: Of the over 2,300 chemicals in garlic cloves, barely 70 chemicals figure in nutrition charts. GETTY IMAGES

In our tradition

In Ayurveda, warm garlic-infused milk, *Lasuna Ksheerapaka*, is beneficial for respiratory conditions such as asthma, cough, and common cold, and for generally improving body strength. Similarly, garlic-infused water (lasuna phata) is used as a tonic, improving digestion by stimulating the secretion of digestive enzymes, and by its carminative properties, which reduce gas formation.

The pungent flavour that is characteristic of garlic and related species comes from a sulphur-containing compound. Allicin is not present in fresh garlic. It is produced when an odour-free precursor called allicin is acted upon by an enzyme. The two are brought together when garlic is chopped, crushed, or even chewed.

Allicin interacts with receptors found on sensory neurons in the trigeminal nerve, which gathers sensations from the mouth and the nose. The pungent taste of garlic is a result of this interaction.

Allicin and other garlic constituents such as diallyl disulfide have an influence on inflammatory processes.

Beneficial effects include the regulation of blood pressure and positive trends in cardiovascular health. Another constituent, the flavonoid luteolin, inhibits the formation and aggregation of amyloid beta plaques, which are major hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease.

Ongoing research may one day pinpoint the roles played by the many other chemicals in garlic.

Some of these, individually or in combination, may contribute to the betterment of human health. What we know today is that moderation is key to the beneficial use of garlic in our diet, to avoid side effects such as heartburn and diarrhea. Some health practitioners say that four grams every day is about the right amount.

India is the second largest producer of garlic. Impressive varieties of garlic such as the Riya van come from Neemuch and Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh, the largest garlic-producing State.

In South India, Karnataka's Gadag local varieties, with their strong, pungent flavor and aroma sell very well. And then there are the Kashmiri varieties. No matter what your preferences are, a little garlic may add spice to your life and to your health.

(*The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling*)

SNAPSHOTS

Social experiences shape song preference learning in finches

A study on songbirds sheds light on the power of social interaction to facilitate learning, insights that potentially apply to human development. Researchers discovered that zebra finches deprived of early social experiences could still form strong bonds with a partner later. Once placed into cohabitation with a male, females that had never heard a mating song before could quickly develop a preference for his melody. This challenges the belief that early experiences alone are critical for learning song preference.

Gut molecule in *C. elegans* worms slows fat burning

Scientists have discovered why, when the *C. elegans* worm eats less, slowly it loses fat. In *C. elegans*, they found one molecule that had a large effect on a form of insulin. In the worms, the insulin molecule made by gut cells was impacting fat metabolism via the brain. Although the exact molecule they identified in the worms has not yet been studied in humans, the study finds the brain and digestive system communicate in both directions to control metabolism based on food availability.

Honey bees may spread viruses to wild bumble bees

Honey bees may play a role in increasing virus levels in wild bumble bees each spring, according to researchers who analysed seasonal trends of parasite and virus transmission in bees. It found that honey bees had higher levels of viruses. While both types of bees had lower virus prevalence in the winter, only bumble bees experienced negligible levels by spring. Honey bees may be reinfecting bumble bees that otherwise would have very low virus prevalence.

Question Corner

Exploiting signals

Do some spiders exploit firefly's flashing signals to lure more prey?

Fireflies rely on flashing signals to communicate with other fireflies using light-emitting lanterns on their abdomens. In fireflies of the species *Abscondita terminalis*, males make multi-pulse flashes with two lanterns to attract females, and females make single-pulse flashes with their one lantern to attract males. Researchers now have evidence that an orb-weaving spider (*Araneus ventricosus*) manipulates the flashing signals of male fireflies ensnared in its web such that they mimic the typical flashes of a female firefly, thereby luring other males to serve as their next meal. They found that the spider's web more often captured male fireflies when the spider was present. The signals made by male fireflies looked a lot more like the signals of free females. Specifically, the ensnared males used single-pulse signals using only one of their lanterns, not both. The findings suggested that the males weren't altering their flashes as a distress signal. The researchers propose that the spiders alter the firefly's signal.

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Will an extended space stay affect astronauts?

Why will Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore have to stay onboard the International Space Station till 2025?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

On August 24, NASA announced that Boeing's Starliner crew capsule that took astronauts Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore to the International Space Station (ISS), as part of its first crewed test flight, wasn't safe enough to transport them back. Instead, NASA extended Williams's and Wilmore's stay onboard the ISS until February 2025, when they will return in a SpaceX crew capsule to be launched in September 2024.

How does space affect the body?

While hundreds of astronauts have flown to space (100 km above mean sea level and experiencing microgravity conditions), they don't make up a cohort large enough for researchers to study and reliably elucidate all the effects of spaceflight on their bodies. They have also spent different amounts of time there and reported different symptoms after different trips. Nonetheless, some broad trends have emerged centred on the body's bones, digestion, eyes, heart, muscles and nerves. For example, in microgravity, bones become weaker. Food may move more slowly through the gut and lead to weight gain. Around 70% of astronauts involved in long-duration spaceflight develop a condition called spaceflight associated neuro-ocular syndrome (SANS): more fluids enter the head and build up at the back of the eye, affecting eyesight.

'Space omics' is a set of studies involved in understanding all the ways in which the body can be affected by the space environment

Further, because of the body's weightless experience, the heart is required to do less work and could shrink. Similarly, other parts of the musculature could shed muscle mass and strength. The blood loses more red blood cells per day than it does on the ground (a 2022 study in *Nature Medicine* quantified the loss rate but couldn't discern the cause), which means astronauts' diets need to be adjusted to deliver more energy for their bodies to make more of these cells. The signals from the body the brain uses to help maintain balance and a sense of place could also be disrupted in space.

What causes these symptoms?

Researchers have identified some important causes, including radiation exposure, confined environments, and gravitation.

Time is also an important factor. The longer astronauts spend in space, the more pronounced the symptoms. The average range of time an astronaut spends in space has increased from one minute to one month in the 1960s to 10 minutes to six months in the 2020s. Each expedition to the ISS can also be up to six months long. By January 31, 2025, Williams and Wilmore will have spent 240 days in space. Whether a mission is short or long, space agencies require their astronauts to adhere to a strict exercise regime and maintain predictable routines while in orbit in order to work the body without incurring stress. Agencies have also developed communication and work-management protocols that keep astronauts engaged as well as relaxed.

How much do we not know?

Our understanding of the effects of spaceflight on humans has many uncertainties. A June 2024 paper in *Nature Communications* said researchers still need to understand which effects of spaceflight are of "health-related importance", avoid over-interpreting data "given the small sample sizes and the small number of studies", establish "suitable ground controls", and find alternative ways to replicate their findings. There are some specific results, however. Researchers are studying whether various nutrients and drugs are metabolised differently in space. They have already identified some changes in metabolic pathways involved in DNA and amino acid synthesis, and a condition in which excess iron in the body presents along with low urinary magnesium.

In a 2022 report, a group at NASA suggested developing a more portable optical coherence tomography machine to check for SANS onboard spacecraft. If it is present, the group recommended studying countermeasures including applying "lower body negative pressure", exposure to artificial gravity through "human centrifugation", and taking drugs that lower the intracranial pressure.

What is "space omics"?

"Space omics" is a set of studies involved in understanding all the ways in which the body can be affected by the space environment. A famous example is NASA's Twins Study, where scientists examined differences in the bodies of two identical twins – astronauts Mark Kelly and Scott Kelly – after the latter spent a year in space. They found around 8,600 genes were expressed differently between them.

Scientists from around the world, including India, are part of the International Standards for Space Omics Processing to develop research and ethics guidelines for space omics.

Why did the Centre alter its pension plan?

What are the main features of the Unified Pension Scheme? How is it different from the current pension system? Why did the government feel the need to bring about this change? How have government employees responded? What will be the cost to the exchequer?

Vikas Dhoot

The story so far:

Last weekend, the Union Cabinet signed off on a major shift in the approach to provide old age income security to Central government employees, with a new Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to be launched on April 1, 2025. About 23 lakh Central government employees are expected to benefit from the scheme, while employees who are part of an ongoing pension scheme called the National Pension System will have the option to switch to the UPS. States can also bring their employees under the UPS but will need to work out funding from their own resources.

What are the key components of UPS?

There are five major components within UPS benefits, starting with the assurance that government employees will get half their average basic pay over the final 12 months of service prior to retirement, as a monthly pension for life after a minimum service of 25 years. The benefits will be proportionately lower for those with less than 25 years of service, with a minimum pension of ₹10,000 for those who work for at least 10 years. A family pension equivalent to 60% of a worker's pension at the time of her or his demise, is offered to support dependents. To hedge against inflation, these pension incomes will be raised in line with the consumer price trends for industrial workers – akin to the dearness relief offered to serving government employees. Separately, a lumpsum superannuation payout is promised in addition to gratuity benefits at the time of retirement. This will amount to 1/10th of an employee's monthly emoluments as on the date of superannuation for every six months of service.

Central government employees have broadly welcomed the UPS provisions, but there are reservations

New move: East Central Railway Karmachari Union members stage a protest for restoration of the Old Pension Scheme, in Patna on July 12. ANI

How is it different from the current system?

Government employees who joined service prior to January 1, 2004, are covered by what has come to be known as the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), and was replaced by the NPS for employees who joined in or after 2004.

The OPS offered employees an assured pension at 50% of last drawn salary, with dearness allowance hikes added along the way, an assured family pension of 60% of the last drawn pension, and a minimum pension of ₹9,000 plus dearness allowance. At retirement, employees could commute 40% of the pension as a lumpsum. Moreover, for pensioners or family pensioners crossing 80 years of age, monthly payouts are hiked 20% followed by more hikes every five years. Pensions are also revised in line with salary updates mooted by the Pay Commission. The last such salary upgrade kicked in from 2016. A critical difference between the OPS and NPS as well as the UPS, is that its promises were paid straight from the exchequer's till every passing month. So these liabilities were "unfunded", with no contributions made by employees/employer, as is the case for private sector employees whose retirement savings are governed by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.

The NPS, launched by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government after years of debate about the unsustainability of civil servants' pension bills, did away with the 'defined benefits' system of the OPS and switched to a funded 'defined contribution' pension regime. 10% of employees' salaries with a matching contribution from the employer (the Centre, or States as almost all of them switched to the NPS), were pooled and deployed in market-linked securities, with the option of equity investments, by professional fund managers. At the time of retirement, employees were to buy an annuity (that provides a monthly income) with 40% of their accumulated NPS corpus. The Centre had raised its contribution to the NPS to 14% in 2019, but there was no element of certainty offered on pension incomes, like the OPS did.

The UPS combines the defined benefits of the OPS with the defined contribution of the NPS mechanism. While employees' contributions will be limited to 10% of salary, the government will contribute a higher 18.5% of salary with room for revising this rate over time. The Centre will bear any gap between the eventual earnings on these contributions, and its pension promises. It is not clear if the UPS will factor in future Pay Commissions or offer higher pensions for those over 80 years of age, like the OPS.

Why did the government opt for a change?

Prior to, and after, its launch, the NPS regime had faced a strong pushback from government employees over the loss of assurance about pension incomes, and the contrast in fortunes for post-2004 workers vis-à-vis their predecessors. The clamour against it mounted in recent years, as some NPS entrants with fewer years of service started to retire with relatively lower pension benefits. This restiveness eventually became an electoral issue, with Opposition parties such as the Congress promising a return to the OPS for State employees ahead of some Assembly polls, and effecting the switch after gaining power in a few. The Centre, through the Narendra Modi government's second innings, pushed back against this reversal, terming it fiscally irresponsible. However, in March 2023, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a committee to review the NPS for government employees in a way that balances "their aspirations with fiscal prudence". This panel was headed by former Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan, and although its report has not been made public yet, the switch to the UPS has been informed by its parleys. If there was any doubt that UPS' bouquet of benefits is linked to political considerations ahead of several State polls, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw laid it to rest. While announcing the UPS, he emphasised that Congress-ruled States which announced a return to the OPS were yet to implement it, while Prime Minister Modi had ensured an outcome that will ensure "inter-generational equity".

How have employees and States reacted?

Central government employees have broadly welcomed the UPS provisions as an acknowledgement of the NPS' problems, but there are still reservations about the contributory aspects of the UPS and the lack of a commutation option like the OPS. Like employee representatives, economists also await more details on the UPS' contours and math. UPS contributions, including arrears for some, are expected to cost an additional ₹7,050 crore this year. Dearness hikes over time will warrant additional funding too. "Assured pensions will add to the government committed expenditure in the future, while reducing the uncertainty for employees. This will have to be built into the fiscal consolidation roadmap going ahead," remarked Aditi Nayar, ICRA's chief economist.

While the immediate impact will only be the additional 4.5% contribution towards the UPS, future payouts will be higher but can be absorbed by higher revenue growth, reckoned Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis. "We can look at this as being equivalent to Pay Commission revisions which are absorbed by the system," he averred.

How will morality law hit Afghan women?

Why has the Taliban announced draconian measures targeting women? Who are the Muhtasib? Did Afghanistan always enforce certain bans for women? What has been the reaction on the ground to the fresh decree? How have the United Nations responded to the new law?

Priscilla Jebaraj

The story so far:

The Taliban last week announced a new law on the "Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice" which imposes its interpretation of sharia or Islamic law on the people of Afghanistan. It silences women's voices apart from reiterating bans on bare faces, sparking global outrage, and also seeks to regulate many aspects of daily life.

What does the law say?

The 114-page document published in the official gazette says that women must cover their entire bodies and faces "due to the fear of temptation", in the presence of unrelated men, as well as non-Muslim and "immoral" women. A woman's voice –singing, chanting, or reciting aloud– is considered *awrah* or intimate and must not be heard. "Whenever a grown woman leaves her house out of necessity, she is obliged to cover her voice, face, and body," it said, stipulating that any violation will lead to punishment. Unrelated men and women are not allowed to even look at each other.

Men must grow their beards, and must not wear neckties or have Western-style haircuts. All games and forms of entertainment, even traditional children's games played with marbles or walnuts, are banned as a form of gambling. Travel must be planned to avoid times of prayer, and drivers are forbidden from transporting women who are not accompanied by a related male guardian. The morality police, called Muhtasib, are authorised to mete out discretionary punishment, including up to three days in prison. They can compel people to revere Islamic symbols, and check phones and laptops to ensure there are no images of living beings. They can also ensure that women's voices or music do not emanate from homes.

The UN issued immediate denunciations of the new law, but said it would continue to 'engage' with the Taliban

Regressive law: Afghan women in Sangin, Afghanistan on August 27. AFP

Is this a new development?

Many of these regulations are already in place in Afghanistan, with some having been declared through Taliban decrees over the past three years, or imposed more haphazardly by local enforcers. Observers fear that the official codifying of these so-called "morality laws", however, will lead to more brutal punishment and give a stronger backing to the Muhtasib.

A look at Afghan history shows the extreme regressiveness of these laws. Afghan women won the right to vote in 1919, and by the 1980s, women had become ministers and judges, doctors and singers, although progress was more limited in rural areas. The Taliban's first stint, from 1996 to 2001, brutally dragged women back to the medieval era, but over the next two decades, a new generation grew up in relative freedom, and many hoped that the Taliban which returned in 2021 had also evolved. "They were portrayed as Taliban 2.0, as more moderate, so we engaged with them," former Afghan lawmaker Fawzia Koofi told *CNN* after the new laws were announced. She noted that even some daughters of Taliban leaders had been educated abroad in the interim period. But since they came back to power, they have been "constantly targeting women" with "draconian measures", she said. Nayanima Basu, an Indian journalist and author of *The Fall Of Kabul: Despatches From Chaos*, says that people in the provinces outside of the "bubble in Kabul" were clear that the Taliban's thought processes had not changed. "There is a disparity between the Taliban leadership in Doha – which has offered assurances to the international community that exclusive schools and universities for girls will reopen – and the Stone Age thinking of those actually in power in Afghanistan," she said.

How are women in Afghanistan reacting?

Some Afghan women have defied the ban on raising their voices in public, with videos being posted on social media showing them singing, even while covered from head to toe. A few have even reportedly protested on the streets, which "indicates that a small number do not care about their life and death because they do not have anything left to lose", Ms. Koofi told *CNN*.

Others engage in subtler forms of resistance, but with long-term effects. Pashtana Dorani, now in exile, founded a non-profit called LEARN which runs five underground schools within Afghanistan, where 661 girls study clandestinely, in shifts, changing locations when they learn of Taliban surveillance. Videos posted a few days after the new law was announced show girls in burkhas learning science, mathematics and language. "They may shut the doors but they can't take away our dreams," Ms. Dorani wrote.

What has been the international response?

UN Women said the new rules were "oppressive", while the office of the UN Commissioner for Human Rights called for the "utterly intolerable" law to be repealed. However, after the Taliban said it would no longer cooperate with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric emphasised that the UN "will continue to engage with all stakeholders in Afghanistan, including the Taliban". "I am a firm believer that political pressure will make the Taliban respond, but that political pressure has never been exerted," Ms. Koofi told *CNN*, noting that the UN had agreed to the Taliban demand to exclude Afghan women from talks in Doha this summer. "So the Taliban thinks the world doesn't really care about women's rights," she said, adding that differences between the global north and south has "further emboldened the Taliban".

Officials in the Ministry of External Affairs shared a statement reiterating India's position. "We have noted with concern the reports in this regard. India has consistently supported the cause of women's education in Afghanistan. We have been emphasising the importance of the establishment of an inclusive and representative government that ensures equal rights of women and girls to participate in all aspects of society, including access to higher education," he said.

AMMA's moment of reckoning

Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes

The actors' body, which had its share of controversies in the past, is facing its biggest litmus test after the release of the Hema Committee report on the problems faced by women in Malayalam film industry

G. Krishnakumar

As more and more skeletons on sexual exploitation tumble out following the release of the K. Hema Committee report on the problems faced by women in the Malayalam film industry, the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) is facing its biggest litmus test ever in its three-decade long existence. Nearly a week after the Kerala High Court permitted the Left Democratic Front government to make public the redacted form of the report, the executive committee of the actors' body was dissolved amidst the growing revelations of sexual assault and harassment experienced by women members in the multi-crore industry.

A communication shared with the media after an emergency online meeting of the 17-member committee led by its president and actor Mohanlal on August 27 stated that they were stepping down "following the release of the Hema Committee report and widespread media attention regarding sexual harassment allegations against some office-bearers."

The decision to disband the executive committee was triggered by the resignation of actor Siddique from the post of general secretary on August 25 following allegations of sexual assault levelled by a woman actor. Since then, the actors against whom the Kerala Police have booked cases over sexual abuse allegations included Mukesh, an MLA of the Communist Party of India (Marxist); former general secretaries of the association Siddique and Edavela Babu; and actors Jayasurya, Maniyanpilla Raju and Sudheesh.

The seismic tremors of the revelations brought focus on the association that was launched in 1994 after several actors voiced support for an organisation to protect the interests of the fraternity. A first of its kind in the Malayalam film industry, it was registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act. Around 80 actors had participated in its first official meeting held in Thiruvananthapuram in May, 1994.

Actors M. G. Soman and T. P. Madhavan were the maiden president and secretary, respectively. The late senior actor and comedian Innocent was the longest serving president as he remained at the helm of affairs for nearly 18 years since 2000. Veteran actors Mammootty and Mohanlal had earlier served as secretaries. Today, the association has a total strength of 506 members that include 250 women. They enjoy the right to vote at the annual general body meeting to elect an executive committee for a tenure of three years.

According to the association's website, a "person who is into full-time acting in feature films for not less than one year shall become a life member by paying the specified fees". The 17-member executive committee include four women, though none of them had ever been elected as president or secretary till now. It has always tried to "steer clear of the trade union tag by proclaiming its welfare agenda" as reiterated by Mohanlal while addressing the media in the thick of storm on August 31 in Thirvuananthapuram.

Main objectives

As per the association's bye-law, the main objective of the organisation included "promoting better relations between members and other associations; creating and developing fellowship among the members; enriching the economical status of the members; and helping them on retirement/during distress period as per conditions stipulated from the fund separately maintained for this purpose or from any other fund". A stipend of ₹5,000 monthly is provided to nearly 116 members, who are suffering from health ailments and in need of financial assistance. The members are also provided with cashless accident and health insurance coverage. To meet its financial requirements, the association has banked on the 'star value' of its members from its inception and organised several stage shows in the country and abroad towards fund mobilisation.

The association had a smooth run in its initial tenure after the leadership stayed away from major controversies. However, a decision to hold a stage show in association with a private television channel in March 2004 invited protests from the Kerala Film Chamber of Commerce. The apex body in the Malayalam film industry pointed out that the footfalls in cinemas had declined as the audience remained glued to the television to watch such programmes. Despite similar opposition in the later years, the association continued with its shows for television channels to rake in funds for its various activities.

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It brought a dent in its public appeal after acclaimed actor Thilakan was expelled in April 2010 for his outbursts against its functioning and his criticism that a lobby led by the "super stars" had undue control over its functioning. Though it did not divulge the names, the Hema Committee report touched upon the ordeal faced by him and referred to the "existence of a power group in the Malayalam film industry". "If a person, knowingly or unknowingly offend any member of the power group for any silly reason, he may be banned (sic)," it said.

The association suffered a legal setback after the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in 2017 held it responsible, along with the Film Employees Federation of Kerala, for indulging in anti-competitive practices by asking artistes, technicians, and producers not to work with filmmaker Vinayan. In his plea, the director had sought the CCI's intervention to remove the ban imposed on him by the film bodies for speaking up against its unfair practices. Of the total penalty of ₹11.25 lakh imposed by the CCI on the violators, the association was asked to pay ₹4 lakh.

Tumultuous episodes

A faux pas by the association following the arrest of actor Dileep in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a woman actor in a moving car on the night of February 17, 2017 in Kochi triggered a series of tumultuous episodes from within. Its decision to reinstate Dileep, who was ousted after he was named an accused in the abduction and sexual assault case, resulted in the resignation of the members of the Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), including the survivor and actors Rima Kallingal, Remya Nambeesan and filmmaker Geetu Mohandas.

The association had opposed a plea by the WCC before the Kerala High Court to set up an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in line with the Vishaka Guidelines and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. It stated that "AMMA is only an association of artistes and not an employer and hence its activities will not fall under the definition of the workplace".

Though the association formed an ICC in March 2022, it was short-lived after three of its women members resigned in May 2022 in protest against the leadership's soft-pedalling on actor-producer Vijay Babu, who was accused of raping a woman actor and later revealing her identity. A similar flip-flop was also evident in its position on the Hema Committee report, though a political storm after its release forced the association to come out in its support after being slammed for its perceived silence. As the cries for a safe and non-discriminatory workspace in the film industry turn louder, the actors' body is at a crossroads with a change of course inevitable.

THE GIST

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The prophet of privacy

Pavel Durov

The billionaire founder of Telegram has been arrested by French authorities over alleged complicity in a range of crimes, from drug trafficking to organised crime

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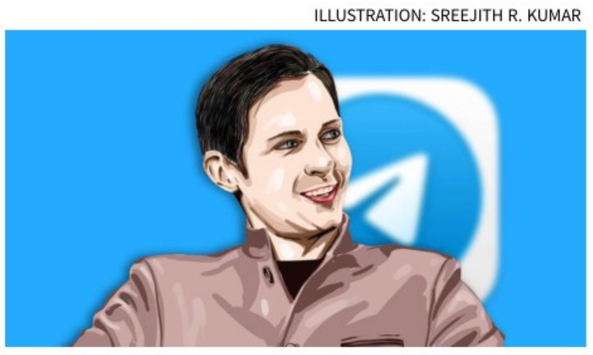

The cause of free speech may have found a new icon in Russia-born tech tycoon Pavel Durov, who was arrested in Paris on August 24. Mr. Durov, 39, is the founder of Telegram, a cloud-based social media and instant messaging service with 950 million active users, which makes it bigger than X (540 million).

French authorities had a warrant out for Mr. Durov and his brother Nikolai as part of a preliminary investigation into allegations that Telegram was enabling criminality through its 'hands-off' approach to moderating content. Mr. Durov, as the owner of Telegram, has been charged with complicity in a range of crimes, including drug trafficking, fraud, money-laundering, organised crime, terrorism, cyberbullying, dissemination of child pornographic materials, and refusal to cooperate with law enforcement. Though he has been granted bail on a bond of €5 million, he has been barred from leaving France.

Telegram, in a statement, has said "it is absurd to claim that a platform or its owner are responsible for abuse of that platform".

Mr. Durov, who describes Telegram as "a privacy-focussed social media platform" famously said in 2015, "Privacy, ultimately, is more important than our fear of bad things happening," – a remark that endeared him to free speech evangelists.

Understandably, his arrest has sparked a fierce debate on the fine line between free speech rights and law enforcement. Edward Snowden, the celebrated whistleblower, had no doubt whatsoever, posting on X, "The arrest of @Durov is an assault on the basic human rights of speech and association. I am surprised that Macron has descended to the level of taking hostages as a means for gaining access to private communications."

The French President defended the arrest, stating, "In a state governed by the rule of law, freedoms are upheld within a legal framework."

It has since emerged that Emmanuel Macron had met with Mr. Durov several times, and in 2018, had beseeched him to run Telegram out of France. Mr. Durov refused, preferring authoritarian Dubai to liberal France as Telegram headquarters. Indeed, Mr. Durov's entrepreneurial career blurs easy stereotypes of 'authoritarian' and 'democratic'. Right now, for instance, while his persecutor is a democracy that takes pride in championing 'Liberte', at the forefront of defending his liberty are two authoritarian regimes – Russia and the UAE.

Fall-out with Moscow

Run-ins with governments are not new for Mr. Durov, whose net worth is estimated at $11.5 billion. Born in Soviet Leningrad in 1984, he grew up in Turin, Italy. While in university at St Petersburg, he discovered Facebook, which inspired him to create a Russian social network, VKontakte, in September 2006. It became a runaway success, garnering a valuation of $3 billion and 10 million users by April 2008. But he came under immense pressure from the government to shut down opposition communities. Mr. Durov refused, opting to sell Vkontakte and leave Russia. He then moved to Dubai and founded Telegram.

In 2018, Russia banned Telegram after Mr. Durov refused to comply with requests to hand over data of Ukranian users. The ban was revoked in 2021. Ironically, Telegram is highly popular in both Ukraine and Russia. Both Ukrainian and Russian governments have been using Telegram for propaganda purposes. If France is building a case for Mr. Durov's criminal complicity, it cannot ignore the fact that, as a Russian citizen, he refused to sell out Ukrainians to the Russian government.

Mr. Durov's radical anti-establishment ethos comes through in a 2013 incident where he accidentally ran over a policeman in St Petersburg. In a reference to it, he posted on social media, "When you run over a policeman, it is important to drive back and forth so all the pulp comes out." His arrest is certainly a departure in terms of holding a tech businessman responsible for the content on their platform. But the backlash it has triggered suggests it might remain an outlier event, unlikely to become the norm.

Growing stature

Pacific Island Forum

The grouping, comprising island nations in Oceania, has seen growing attention from big powers such as the U.S. and China in recent years

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The island nation of Tonga played host to the annual meeting of the leaders of the Pacific Island Forum from August 26 to 30. More than 1,500 delegates from 40 nations were in attendance at the conference.

A grouping of island nations in Oceania, the Pacific Island Forum has seen an increase in stature over the past few years, as powerful nations seek to peddle influence in the region.

The Forum was founded in November 1971, with Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Tonga and Western Samoa as the founding members.

At present, the Forum has 18 member states. Australia and New Zealand are among the larger nations in the bloc, with some having populations as small as 1,500 people.

Several of the member countries of the Forum are particularly susceptible to environmental challenges, making climate change and sea level rise key focal points for the forum.

A cherished method of dispute resolution central to the Forum is the "Pacific way", which seeks to build consensus and places relationships between the countries of the "Blue Pacific Family" at the centre. The Blue Pacific Family members are linked by common culture and heritage, and distinguish themselves from the broader Indo-Pacific region.

For this year's summit, China sent the largest delegation in the Forum's history. The U.S. also had a sizeable delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell.

The most pressing issue under discussion at the Forum was the ongoing unrest in the French territory of New Caledonia, where violence ensued between French officers and locals.

The Indigenous Kanak people of New Caledonia have long sought independence from France, which colonised it in 1853. Even though it granted citizenship to all Kanaks in 1957, the demand for independence has continued. The latest unrest followed attempts by the French government to amend its Constitution to expand voting lists in New Caledonia and grant more French residents the right to vote.

The Forum has now planned to hold an official "talanoa" (dialogue) on the matter later this year.

UN chief Antonio Guterres, in an address at the Forum, supported efforts to raise a climate fund to tackle regional issues. He said people were " treating the sea like a sewer." Water quality has deteriorated in several island nations as natural water sources have been contaminated by rising sea levels and natural disasters.

Police training centre

Under discussion is also an Australian-funded Pacific police training centre, viewed as a measure to counter China's bid to equip the law enforcement agencies of some island nations. The A$400 million proposal envisages a regional policing plan to improve training and create a multinational crisis reaction force, comprising 200 officers. Four centres will be established across the Pacific with a hub in Brisbane. On August 28, the Pacific Island leaders endorsed the plan. The recognition of Taiwan at the Forum has caused controversy. China and its allies, including Solomon Islands, have sought to remove Taiwan as a development partner, indicating that it is a part of China. But the final declaration reaffirmed a 1992 agreement, which allowed Taiwan to participate – the section was later removed following criticism from Chinese officials at the Forum.

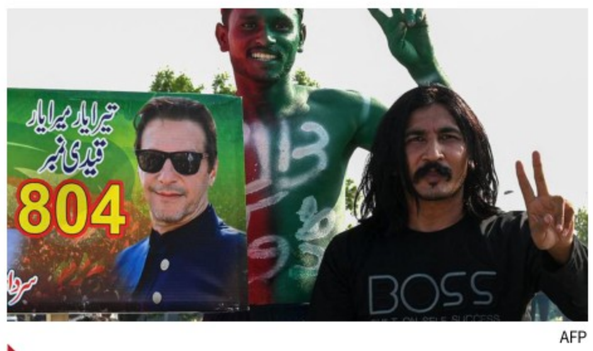
Initial meeting of the Forum did not garner broad international interest, but this has changed in recent years. Bigger powers have sought to exercise influence over the resource-rich region. Chinese efforts to offer aid and military support in the region have drawn in other powers' interests. In 2022, China signed a security pact with Solomon Islands. It has also pressured nations in the grouping to reject the inclusion of Taiwan, with Soloman Islands, Kiribati and Nauru now accepting this position.

In 2022, amid China's rising influence in the region, the U.S. invited Pacific leaders to a White House summit for the first time.

Earlier, it was Australia and New Zealand which functioned as security partners in the region. Now the region has the attention of great powers.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan is at risk of parochialism, says jailed former PM Imran Khan



AFP

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that Pakistan is at risk of parochialism as political instability and terrorism have brought the economy to the verge of collapse. He said the economy of the cash-strapped country was "the biggest challenge" facing Pakistan but intelligence agencies were busy targeting one political party. PTI

HONG KONG

Hong Kong arrests two for sedition under new national security law

AFP

The Hong Kong Police said two persons were arrested for sedition under a new national security law, accusing them of spreading hatred against Chinese and local authorities. The arrests on Friday came only a day after the pro-democracy news outlet *Stand News* and two former editors were found guilty of sedition. AFP

MOSCOW

Russia seizes another settlement in Ukraine's Donetsk region

REUTERS

Russian forces have gained control of the Kirove settlement, known in Ukraine as Verezamske, in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday. Donetsk is one of four Ukrainian regions which Russia says it has annexed even though it does not fully control all of them. REUTERS

BERLIN

One week after knife attack, woman stabs five in Germany

AP

A woman stabbed and wounded five persons in a bus in western Germany on Friday, one week after a deadly knife attack that shook the country. The 32-year-old suspect was arrested after the incident in the town of Siegen with no indications it was a terrorist attack. Three of the five victims are in a life-threatening condition. AFP

Chopper with 22 onboard goes missing in Russia

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

A helicopter with 22 people aboard, most of them tourists, has gone missing in Russia's Kamchatka peninsula in the far east, regional authorities said on Saturday.

Rescue teams were focusing on a river valley that the helicopter was due to fly along.

The Mi-8 is a Soviet-designed military helicopter that is widely used for transport in Russia.

The missing helicopter had picked up passengers near the Vachkazhets ancient volcano in a scenic area of the peninsula known for its wild landscapes and active volcanoes.

Beijing, Manila trade blame in new South China Sea clash

Each country accused the other of ramming its ship off the Sabina Shoal; the Philippines says no crew members were injured while also adding that it is the fifth such incident this month

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China and the Philippines accused each other on Saturday of deliberately ramming their Coast Guard ships near a flashpoint shoal in the South China Sea, the latest in a spate of similar incidents in recent weeks.

China claims almost all of the economically vital waterway despite competing claims from other countries and an international court ruling that its assertion has no legal basis.

A Chinese Coast Guard spokesperson said Saturday's incident took place off the disputed Sabina Shoal.

Crash course: A Chinese Coast Guard ship collides with a Philippine Coast Guard vessel near the Sabina Shoal on Saturday. AP

Sabina Shoal is located 140 km west of the Philippine island of Palawan and about 1,200 km from Hainan island, the nearest major Chinese landmass.

Shortly after noon, a Philippine ship "deliberately collided with" a Chinese vessel near the shoal, China Coast Guard spokesperson said.

However, Philippine Coast Guard spokesman Commodore Jay Tarriela said it was the China Coast Guard vessel 5205 that "directly and intentionally rammed" the Philippines' 97-metre ship, *BRP Teresa Magbanua*.

The vessel has been anchored inside Sabina Shoal since April to assert Manila's claim over the area.

No crew members were injured during the incident but the ship's bridge wing and freeboard were damaged. A hole was also found.

The collision was the fifth incident of Chinese maritime harassment this month, Mr. Tarriela said.

Taiwan slams China after Pacific bloc alters statement

Agence France-Presse
NUKU'ALOFA

The Taiwanese Foreign Ministry on Saturday accused China of an "arbitrary intervention" after a joint declaration by Pacific leaders was altered to remove mentions of Taiwan.

"Taiwan issued the strongest condemnation on China's arbitrary intervention," the Foreign Ministry said.

Self-ruled Taiwan – which Beijing claims as its own territory – also called on "all like-minded countries to closely monitor China's actions" to safeguard "the harmony and stable development of Pacific island countries".

The rebuff came after a statement by Pacific leaders was reissued with mentions of Taiwan removed after China had slammed an earlier version as a "mistake" that "must be corrected".

Reverse track: A statement released after talks in Tonga reaffirmed a 30-year-old deal allowing Taiwan to take part in the PIF. AFP

After five days of talks in Tonga, a "cleared" communique was released on Friday that reaffirmed a 30-year-old agreement allowing Taiwan to take part in the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF). But the wording raised the ire of Chinese diplomats, who piled pressure on Pacific leaders to amend the document.

The forum reissued the communique without explanation on Saturday morning, conspicuously deleting the paragraph concerning the regional bloc's "relations with Taiwan".

Two new murder cases filed against Hasina in Bangladesh

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Two new murder cases have been filed against Bangladesh's deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her former Cabinet ministers for the killing of three persons, including two BNP activists, during the quota reform protests in the country, according to media reports.

The cases, filed in Dhaka courts on Friday, were the latest in the slew of cases filed against the 76-year-old leader after her resignation and fleeing to India on August 5 following a massive protest by students against a quota system in government jobs.

With this, the tally of cases filed against Ms. Hasina has risen to 84, including 70 on murder charges, eight on allegations of crimes against humanity and genocide, three for alleged abduction, and three on other charges, *The Daily Star* reported.

Sheikh Hasina

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) activist Matiur Rahman filed the case in Kishoreganj over the killings of fellow party workers Zulkar Hossain, 38, and Anjana, 28, on August 4.

Israel presses with deadly West Bank raid for a fourth day

Agence France-Presse
JENIN

At least 20 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli Army since Wednesday

Israel pressed on with a large-scale military operation in the occupied West Bank for a fourth day on Saturday, as fierce fighting raged in the nearly 11-month Gaza war.

As clashes and explosions persisted in the northern city of Jenin, the Israeli military said two Palestinians were killed while preparing to carry out bombings overnight in the south of the West Bank.

'Heroic operation'

Palestinian militant group Hamas, whose October 7 attack on Israel sparked the Gaza war, hailed a "heroic operation" at what it called a "sensitive time" during the Israeli operations in the north.

The Israeli Army described a vehicle explosion at a petrol station in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc as "an attempted car bombing by a terrorist" who was later killed.

At least 20 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli Army since Wednesday, most of them militants, in simultaneous raids in several cities in the northern West Bank.

Since Friday, soldiers have concentrated their operations on the city of Jenin and its refugee camps.

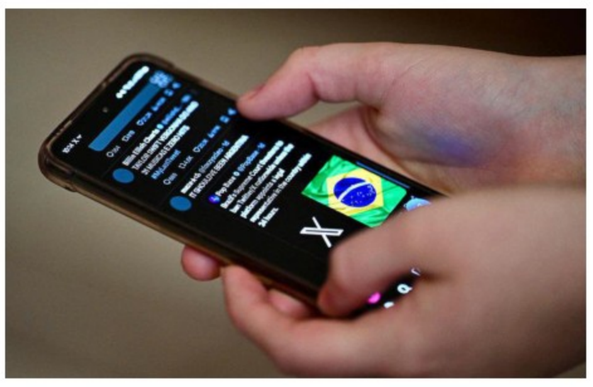
Stand-off between X-owner Musk and judge leads to platform's ban in Brazil

Agence France-Presse
BRASÍLIA

A block on Elon Musk's X social network in Brazil started to take effect early on Saturday after a Supreme Court judge ordered its suspension.

Brazilian Supreme Court judge Alexandre de Moraes on Friday ordered the suspension of the platform following a months-long standoff with the tech billionaire over disinformation in South America's largest nation.

Mr. Moraes handed down the ruling after Mr. Musk failed to comply with an order asking him to name a new legal representative for the company.



X, formerly known as Twitter, had failed to comply with a court order to name a new legal representative for the company. AFP

Early on Saturday access to X, formerly known as Twitter, was no longer possible for some users in the South American country, who were presented with a message asking them to reload the browser without being able to log in successfully.

Mr. Musk, who also owns Tesla and SpaceX, reacted with fury to the judge's order, branding Mr. Moraes an "evil dictator cosplaying as a judge" and accusing him of "trying to destroy democracy in Brazil."

"Free speech is the bedrock of democracy and an unelected pseudo-judge in Brazil is destroying it for political purposes," the billionaire, who has become increasingly aligned with right-wing politics, wrote on X.

The two have been locked in an ongoing, high-profile feud for months as Mr. Moraes leads a battle against disinformation in Brazil.

SATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

2024 is the first since 2002 without a slam title for the Big Three

AFP

2024 will be the first season since 2002 without a Grand Slam title for Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. Their combined total is 66 Slams. Federer won his first at Wimbledon in 2003 and ended up with 20. Nadal then raised the bar to 22 before Djokovic surpassed him.

ROOT'S RECORD

England set Sri Lanka a huge victory target in second Test

REUTERS

England was dismissed for 251 in its second innings setting Sri Lanka a mammoth victory target of 483 in the second Test at Lord's on Saturday. Root set a new England record of 34 Test centuries after making 143 in a first-innings total of 427.
The scores: England 427 & 281 (Root 103) vs Sri Lanka 196 & 53/2.

SPINNING A WEB

Mehidy's five-wicket haul restricts Pakistan

AFP

Mehidy Hasan picked up five wickets as Bangladesh bowled out Pakistan for 274 on the second day of its second Test at Rawalpindi on Saturday. **The scores**: Pakistan 274 in 85.1 overs (Saim Ayub 58, Shan Masood 57, Salman Agha 54, Mehidy 5/61) vs Bangladesh 10/0 in 2 overs. **Toss:** Bangladesh.

HIGH PRAISE

Jadeja is a complete all-round fielder, says Jonty Rhodes

PTI

Jonty Rhodes on Saturday called Ravindra Jadeja a "complete all-round" fielder in the world right now. "I think Jadeja is at the next level, he doesn't dive as much but is so fast to the ball. He fields on the boundary, he fields on the circle. He is a complete all-round fielder," said Rhodes.

Bronze for Rubina as India wins fourth medal in shooting

The 25-year-old aggregates 211.1 to finish third in the SH1 10m air pistol behind Iran's Javanmardi and Turkey's Ozgan; Nitesh and Sukanth progress to the last-four stage in badminton

Holding her own: Rubina showed tremendous calm and composure in a high-class field. DD SPORTS GRAB

Press Trust of India
CHATEAUROUX / PARIS

Clubfooted shooter Rubina Francis extended India's medal-winning run with a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event on a day when the shuttlers Nitesh Kumar and Sukant Kadam progressed to the semifinals at the Paris Paralympics on Saturday.

Rubina's bronze was India's fourth medal from the shooting range and fifth overall. The 25-year-old aggregated 211.1 to finish third in the eight-woman final behind Iran's Sareh Javanmardi (236.8) and Turkey's Aysel Ozgan (231.1).

In SH1 class, athletes are able to hold their gun without difficulty and shoot from a standing or sitting position in a wheelchair or chair.

Nitesh and Sukant made it for the men's singles SL3 and SL4 categories semifinals respectively after posting victories in their last group matches. Nitesh outplayed Mongkhon Bunsun of Thailand 21-13, 21-14 for his third successive win.

In SL3 class the top two finishers from each of the two groups qualify for the semifinals. In the SL4 class, Sukant joined compatriot Suhas Yathiraj in the semifinals after beating Thailand's Teamarrom Siripong 21-12, 21-12 to top the group.

Mandeep Kaur entered the women's singles SL3 quarterfinals after defeating Australia's Vinot Celine Aurelie 21-23, 21-10, 21-17.

Indian cyclists and rowers endured disappointing exits. Arshad Shaik (1,000m time trial C1-3) and Jyoti Gaderiya (500m time trial C1-3) crashed out in the qualification round.

Rowers Anita and Narayana Konganapalle bowed out in the mixed PR3 double sculls.

In archery, Sarita Kumari's run ended in quarterfinals, while the armless Sheetal Devi crashed out of last-16 in the compound women's open category.

Popyrin adds defending champion Djokovic's name to the exodus of seeds

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic's latest bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title crashed to a halt on Friday as 28th-ranked Alexei Popyrin knocked the defending champion out of the US Open third round.

Popyrin robbed the tournament of another superstar with a 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory, following Carlos Alcaraz's exit on Friday.

Popyrin handed Djokovic his earliest US Open exit in 18 years and his earliest Grand Slam exit since he fell in the second round of the Australian Open in 2017.

Although he won the Olympic gold he had long coveted at the Paris Games, an uneven season that included knee surgery saw Djokovic come up empty in the majors.

A career-high 14 double faults – 49 unforced errors total – were too much for Djokovic to overcome against Popyrin.

"It was just an awful match for me," Djokovic said.

Popyrin will next face Frances Tiafoe, who beat fellow American Ben Shelton in a pulsating afternoon contest at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Defending women's champion Coco Gauff survived late-match drama in a three set victory over Elina Svitolina. Gauff next faces fellow American Emma Navarro, who upset her in the fourth round at Wimbledon. Navarro beat Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

All the drama on Ashe Stadium meant second-seeded Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka didn't get underway on the cavernous court that seats nearly 24,000 until eight minutes past midnight – the latest start to a match in US Open history by eight minutes.

She took it in stride, and after a slow start wrapped up a victory over Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova at 1:48 a.m.

Men's fourth seed Alexander Zverev started earlier but laboured later on Louis Armstrong Stadium, where he beat Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry in a match that ended at 2:35am – the second latest US Open finish ever.

Roar of joy: Popyrin bellows after ousting second seed Djokovic. AP

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Third round: 8-Ruud bt Juncheng 6-7(1), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-1; 12-Fritz bt Comesana 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Nakashima bt 18-Musetti 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(4); 4-Zverev bt Etcheverry 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3; 6-Rublev bt 32-Lehecka 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; 9-Dimitrov bt Griekspoor 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; 20-Tiafoe bt 13-Shelton 4-6, 7-5, 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3; 28-Popyrin bt 2-Djokovic 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Doubles: Second round: Yuki & Olivetti bt 15-Krajicek & Roger 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; 2-Bopanna & Ebden bt Baena & Coria 6-2, 6-4; Venus & Skupski bt Sriram Balaji & Andreozzi 7-6(4), 6-4.

Women: Third round: 26-Badosa bt Ruse 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(8); Yafan bt 20-Azarenka 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; 13-Navarro bt 19-Kostyuk 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; 3-Gauff bt 27-Svitolina 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; 7-Qinwen bt Niemeier 6-2, 6-1; 24-Vekic bt Stearns 7-5, 6-4; 33-Mertens bt 14-Keys 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-4; 2-Sabalenka bt 29-Alexandrova 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed doubles: 8-Bopanna & Sutjiadi bt Puetz and Schuurs 7-6(7), 7-6(5).

FALLEN SEEDS

Men: 2-Djokovic, 13-Shelton, 18-Musetti, 32-Lehecka
Women: 14-Keys, 19-Kostyuk, 20-Azarenka, 27-Svitolina, 29-Alexandrova.

THE GOLDIES

Di Dongdong (Chn): *Men's Long Jump-T11*
Maxime Carabin (Bel): *Men's 400m-T52*
Ricardo Gomes de Mendonca (Bra): *Men's 100m-T37*
Petrucio Ferreira dos Santos (Bra): *Men's 100m-T47*
Wen Xiaoyan (Chn): *Women's 200m-T37*
Kudratillokhon Marufkhujaev (Uzb): *Men's Shot Put-F37*
Zhao Yuping (Chn): *Women's Javelin-F13*
Elbek Sultonov (Uzb): *Men's Shot Put-F12*
Nassima Saifi (Alg): *Women's discus-F57*
Chen Minyi (Chn): *Para Archery: Women's Individual W1*
Park Jinho (Kor): *Men's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1*
Sareh Javanmardi (Iri): *Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1*
Stephen Clegg (GBr): *Men's 100m Backstroke-S12*
Maria Carolina Gomes Santiago (Bra): *Women's 100m Backstroke-S12*
William Ellard (GBr): *Men's 200m Freestyle-S14*
Valeriia Shabalina (NPA): *Women's 200m Freestyle-S14*
Inigo Llopis Sanz (Esp): *Men's 100m Backstroke-S8*
Alice Tai (GBr): *Women's 100m Backstroke-S8*
Ihar Boki (NPA): *Men's 400m Freestyle-S13*
Olivia Chambers (USA): *Women's 400m Freestyle-S13*
Kamil Otowski (Pol): *Men's 50m Backstroke-S1*
Gabriel Geraldo dos Santos (Bra): *Men's 50m Backstroke-S2*
Pin Xiu Yip (Sgp): *Women's 50m Backstroke-S2*
Inaki Basiloff (Arg): *Men's 200m Individual Medley-SM7*

Safety concerns dominate chaotic opening day of Chennai night street race

Ready, finally: After modifications at a few corners and a long delay, the event got underway much to the joy of the fans. R. RAVINDRAN & B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

MOTORSPORTS

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

There were sky-high expectations and buzz leading up to the second round of the Indian Racing Festival at the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit.

It was billed as the country's first-ever night-street racing event, where fast cars went around some of the major landmarks in the city, which has long been considered the cradle of motorsports in India.

But the opening day of the weekend turned out to be a damp squib for the fans as the organisers couldn't get the circuit ready in time for the action to start as scheduled on Saturday afternoon.

Safety concerns at a few corners of the 19-turn layout meant the organisers had to rework some corner profiles to make the circuit conform to the safety norms required by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the governing body for four-wheel motorsports.

The FIA Circuit Commission member Giuseppe Muscioni inspected the track on Friday, gave provisional approval and also suggested modifications at a few corners for safety reasons.

These had to be implemented before racing could get underway. The main concern was the high approach speed into these corners, prompting changes to slow the cars down.

The major headache was at turn-19, which was the last corner exiting Swami Sivananda Salai back onto the start-finish straight on Marina Beach Road.

"In turn-19, the approach speed into that left-hander was very fast, so we had to slow the cars down.

"This meant we had to do a lot of work and also rearrange the Tecpro barriers at that corner," said Akbar Ebrahim, President of the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), the governing body for motorsports in India.

"We also had to tighten the corner at turn-10 and bring the barriers in... all this took some time," he added.

Earlier in the day, around half-past one in the afternoon, it became evident that things were not in place when drivers –both international and Indian– participating in the Formula 4 Indian Championship and the Indian Racing League series were seen leaving the track to return to their hotels. Later, the organisers cited 'technical issues' for the delay.

The day's programme included practice and qualifying sessions for three categories: the JK Formula LGB, the FIA Formula 4 Indian Championship, and the Indian Racing League.

Finally, after a more than five-hour delay, Sports Minister of Tamil Nadu, Udhayanidhi Stalin, flagged off the event near the Sir Thomas Munro Statue on Anna Salai as the Formula 4 Indian championship cars were let loose around the track for the first time for a sighter lap.

But the issues did not end there.

After the flag-off, there was a further delay of nearly two hours before the JK Formula LGB cars went out for the first practice session of the day at 9.10 p.m. local time.

The two-day event is organised by Racing Promotions Private Limited and the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

Brighton holds 10-man Arsenal

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
LONDON

Brighton and Hove Albion ended Arsenal's winning start to the new Premier League season with a 1-1 draw at The Emirates on Saturday. Arsenal deservedly led at half-time after Kai Havertz finished brilliantly in the 38th minute.

Declan Rice was sent off after picking up a second yellow card four minutes into the second half. Joao Pedro fired Brighton level 12 minutes later.

The results: Premier League: Arsenal 1 (Havertz 38) drew with Brighton 1 (Pedro 58); Brentford 3 (Mbeumo 43, 65, Wissa 69) bt Southampton 1 (Sugawara 90+5); Everton 2 (Keane 50, Calvert-Lewin 57) lost to Bournemouth 3 (Semenyo 87, Cook 90+2, Sinisterra 90+6); Ipswich 1 (Delap 15) drew with Fulham 1 (Traore 32); Leicester 1 (Buonanotte 73) lost to Aston Villa 2 (Onana 28, Duran 63); Nottingham Forest 1 (Wood 10) drew with Wolves 1 (Bellegarde 12); West Ham 1 (Dias 19-og) lost to Manchester City 3 (Haaland 10, 30, 83).

LaLiga: Barcelona 7 (Raphinha 20, 64, 72, Lewandowski 24, Kounde 45+2, Olmo 82, Torres 85) bt Valladolid 0; Athletic Club 0 lost to Atletico Madrid 1 (Correa 90+2).

Serie A: Lecce 1 (Krstovic 26) bt Cagliari 0; Bologna 1 (Fabbian 2) drew with Empoli 1 (Gyasi 3).

Bundesliga: Stuttgart 3 (Millot 8, Leweling 15, Rieder 88) drew with Mainz 3 (Amiri 43-pen, Burkardt 62, Leitsch 90+4); Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Ekitike 24, Larsson 33, Marmoush 56) bt Hoffenheim 1 (Kramaric 54); Werder Bremen 0 drew with Borussia Dortmund 0; Bochum 0 lost to Borussia M'Gladbach 2 (Kleindienst 66, Honorat 78); Holstein Kiel 0 lost to Wolfsburg 2 (Arnold 27, Bornauw 30); Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Frimpong 38, Grimaldo 45) lost to RB Leipzig 3 (Kampl 45+7, Openda 57, 80).

On Friday: Serie A: Inter Milan 4 (Djimsiti 3-og, Barella, Thuram 47, 56) bt Atalanta 0;

Bundesliga: Union Berlin 1 (Hollerbach 34) bt St Pauli 0.

Pumped up: Pedro netted in the 58th minute against Arsenal. AP

INBRIEF

Day of records in the Delhi Premier League

Ayush Badoni (165, left in pic) smashed a record breaking 19 sixes while Priyansh Arya (120) hit six maximums in an over, taking South Delhi Superstarz to the second-highest T20 total ever of 308/5 against North Delhi Strikers in the Delhi Premier League in New Delhi on Saturday. Arya smacked six sixes in the 12th over of South Delhi's innings. Badoni pummelled a whopping 19 sixes which is now a world record in all T20 cricket. Badoni went past former West Indies player Chris Gayle's joint record with Estonia's Sahil Chauhan of hitting most sixes (18) in a T20 innings. South Delhi's 308/5 was six runs shy of the record highest total by any team in all T20s – 314/3 in 20 overs – set by Nepal against Mongolia in the Asian Games men's competition in 2023.

Chelsea to sign Sancho; Sterling joins Arsenal

Chelsea reportedly agreed a deal to sign Jadon Sancho from Manchester United as Raheem Sterling left Stamford Bridge to join Arsenal also on loan at the 11th hour after a frenzied transfer deadline day in the Premier League. Chelsea's attempts to agree a deal for Napoli striker Victor Osimhen fell through. Saudi club Al-Ahli had also been interested in the Nigerian but instead signed England international striker Ivan Toney. Brentford has reportedly received a £40 million fee for Toney.

Gaurav and Tanishka emerge under-15 champions

Gaurav Gowda and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the under-15 men's and women's singles champions respectively at the state-ranking table tennis tournament at the Belgaum Club in Belagavi.

The results: U-15: Boys: Gaurav Gowda bt Reyansh Jalan 11-6, 6-11, 11-8, 11-2; **Girls:** Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Hiya Singh 13-11, 11-6, 11-5.

Renu scores hat-trick as Kickstart blanks BFC

Renu scored a hat-trick as Kickstart FC blanked BFC 4-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The result: Kickstart 4 (Renu 3, 52, 56, Vasty Kiphoineng Haokip 46-og) bt BFC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Paralympics: JioCinema & DD Sports 2 p.m. onwards
England vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m. onwards
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 & 8.30 p.m.
Formula One: Italian GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m.
KSCA Maharaja T20 Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.
US Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. & 4.30 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: gxr.world, 8.30, 10.30, 10.45 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Monday)
Serie A: gxr.world, 10 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Monday)

Warriors hunt down Tigers, to meet Blasters for the title

The Mysore team enters its second straight tournament final; Karthikeya, Manvanth put up a spirited fight for the Hubli side adding 73 runs for the sixth wicket; Gowtham shines

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Mysore Warriors entered its second straight Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament final following a nine-run victory over Hubli Tigers at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday. In Sunday's final, it will meet Bengaluru Blasters.

Put in, Warriors made 177 for eight, with opener S.U. Karthik leading the way with a half-century (53, 43b, 4x4, 2x6), and Manoj Bhandage (26, 11b, 2x4, 2x6) and the trio of Harshil Dharmani (14, 4b), K. Gowtham (10 n.o., 4b) and Vidyadhar Patil (11 n.o., 6b) providing the end-overs flourish.

Hubli, in reply, finished on 168 for five as the seasoned off-spinner Gowtham returned figures of three of 29. Mohammed Taha, K.L. Shrijith, Aneeshwar Gautam and skipper Manish Pandey were all dismissed cheaply, severely denting Tigers' hopes.

But from 95 for five, K.P. Karthikeya (61 n.o., 39b, 4x4, 3x6) and L. Manvanth Kumar (21, 20b, 1x4, 1x6) put up a spirited fight, combining for a 73-run partnership for the sixth wicket.

But Bhandage defended 19 runs in the last over to carry his side home.

Earlier, the Mysuru side was off to a bad start, being reduced to 14 for two with even the in-form Karun Nair back in the hut (4, 3b).

A patient 61-run stand between Karthik and Sharath Srinivas (26, 26b, 1x4) for the third wicket brought the Warriors back on track, before the lower middle-order helped it post a 177-run total, which, in the end, proved just about enough.

Elated: Warriors' Gowtham sent back Tigers' three front-line batters. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The scores (semifinal): Mysore Warriors 177/8 in 20 overs (S.U. Karthik 53, Sharath Srinivas 26, Manoj Bhandage 26, L.R. Kumar 3/37) bt Hubli Tigers 168 for five in 20 overs (Thippa Reddy 33, K.P. Karthikeya 61 n.o., K. Gowtham 3/29).

Goa Challengers too good for Chennai Lions

An easy one: Harmeet of Goa Challengers during his win over Rolland of Chennai Lions. M. VEDHAN

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
CHENNAI

It was the marquee clash of the Ultimate Table Tennis' (UTT) fifth edition so far. Not because the host was in action on a Saturday night but because it was the repeat of last season.

Despite a sizeable turnout trying to encourage the struggling Chennai Lions, Goa Challengers repeated last year's final heroics. With captain Harmeet Desai and youngster Yashaswini Ghorpade ending the tie on a high, the convincing 9-6 win brightened the Challengers' chances of progressing to the knockouts.

The results: PBG Bengaluru Smashers bt Ahmedabad SG Pipers 9-6 (A. Amalraj lost to Lilian Bardet 9-11, 10-11, 11-10; Manika Batra lost to Bernadette Szocs 11-7, 9-11, 7-11; Manika & Alvaro Robles lost to Szocs & Manush Shah 3-11, 11-7, 8-11; Alvaro Robles bt Manush Shah 11-8, 11-7, 11-8; Lily Zhang bt Krittwika Sinha Roy 11-5, 11-8, 11-10).
Chennai Lions lost to Athlead Goa Challengers 6-9 (A. Sharath Kamal bt Mihai Bobocica 11-6, 11-10, 6-11; Sakura Mori bt Yangzi Liu 11-9, 11-9, 9-11; Sharath & Sakura lost to Harmeet Desai & Yangzi 9-11, 10-11, 7-11; Jules Rolland lost to Harmeet 11-6, 7-11, 5-11; Mouma Das lost to Yashaswini Ghorpade 5-11, 8-11, 11-3).
The standings: PBG Bengaluru Smashers 41 points(4 ties); Dabang Delhi TTC 33(4); Ahmedabad SG Pipers 30(4); U Mumba TT 29(4); Athlead Goa Challengers 29(4); Chennai Lions 25(4); Jaipur Patriots 19(3); Puneri Paltan Table Tennis 19(3).

NorthEast lifts its maiden crown after downing Bagan

DURAND CUP

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

NorthEast United FC etched its name on the winner's plate of the Durand Cup. It won the 133rd edition of Asia's oldest football tournament by overpowering the continent's oldest club and title-holder Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-3 via tie-breaker, at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday. The win marked NEUFC's first major trophy.

Bagan established a two-goal lead in the opening half, but NEUFC fought back well after the break and cancelled the former's advantage to make it 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

With no extra-time allotted, the match went straight to the shootout where the NEUFC goalkeeper Gurmeet Singh Chahal made two fine saves to turn the tables on Bagan.

The win was a fitting tribute to the efforts of the team and some clever changes made by coach Juan Pedro Benali that ensured the spectacular turnaround in the second half.

It was a moment of heartbreak for some 40,000 Bagan supporters, who had turned up expecting the 17-time winner to retain the title. Bagan came up with a strong performance and secured a two-goal lead with strikes from Jason Cummings, via a penalty, and Sahal Abdul Samad.

The change of ends saw a remarkable transformation in NEUFC's performance as the Highlanders stunned the MBSG defence in the 55th minute.

Moroccan forward Alaaeddine Ajaraie found the Bagan net with a rasping right-footer that caught goalkeeper Vishal Kaith napping. Keeping up the aggression, the Highlanders found the equaliser three minutes later when substitute Guillermo Fernandez volleyed home a pinpoint accurate cross from Ajaraie.

On a high: NorthEast United players celebrate their title triumph. DEBASISH BHADURI

The result: Mohun Bagan 2 (Cummings 11-pen, Samad 45+5) drew with NorthEast United FC 2 (Ajaraie 55, Fernandez 58) (NorthEast United won 4-3 via tie-breaker).

Individual awards:

Golden Glove: Gurmeet Singh Chahal (NEUFC); **Golden Boot:** Noah Sadaoui (Kerala Blasters, 6 goals); **Golden Ball:** Jithin M.S. (NEUFC, most assists).

Penalty shootout

☑ scored ☒ saved

Mohun Bagan	NorthEast United
Cummings ☑	☑ Guillermo
Manvir ☑	☑ Zabaco
Liston ☒	☑ Parthib
Petratos ☑	☑ Ajaraie
Subhasish ☒	

Annu wins women's javelin; Lalu and Nithya emerge 100m winners

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

National record holder Annu Rani won the women's javelin gold with a heave of 58.97m in the 63rd National Open Athletics Championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

The mark was well below her national best of 63.82m but better than the disappointing 55.81m at the recent Paris Olympics where she did not get out of the qualification round.

On the day, Lalu Prasad Bhoi of Odisha won the men's 100m title in 10.46s. National record holder Manikanta Hoblidhar of Services finished second (10.48s) while B. Siva of Railways came third (10.50s). Amlan Borgohain ended the race in fourth position (10.51s).

In the women's 100m, Nithya Gandhe of Railways and S.S. Sneha of Karnataka both came home in 11.57s, but the former was adjudged the winner for being two microseconds faster.

The results:
Men: 100m: 1. Lalu Prasad Bhoi (Odi) 10.46s, 2. H. Manikanta (Ser) 10.48, 3. B. Siva (Rly) 10.50; **400m:** 1. Tushar Manna (Del) 45.97, 2. Mohit Kumar (Ser) 46.13, 3. Vikrant Panchal (Rly) 46.33. **1500m:** 1. Ritesh Ohre (Rly) 3:47.41, 2. Vikash (Har) 3:47.86, 3. Rahul Baloda (Ser) 3:47.87; **110m hurdles:** 1. R. Manav (Rly) 13.86, 2. Tejas Shirse (Rly) 14.01, 3. Ronald (MP) 14.32. **Pole vault:** 1. M. Gowtham (TN) 5.05m, 2. Anshu Patel (MP) 5.00, 3. Kuldeep Kumar (UP) 4.90; **Discus:** 1. Gagandeep Singh (Ser) 55.71, 2. Praveen Kumar Nehra (Rly) 55.35, 3. Nirbhay Singh (Har) 55.24.
Women: 100m: Nithya Gandhe (Rly) 11.57s, 2. S.S. Sneha (Kar) 11.57, 3. Giridharani (Rly) 11.64; **400m:** 1. Aishwarya Mishra (Mah) 53.77, 2. Devyaniba Zala (Guj) 53.87, 3. Kunja Rajitha (AP) 54.27; **1500m:** 1. Lili Das (Rly) 4:16.52, 2. K.M. Deeksha (MP) 4:25.91, 3. Sunita (Rly) 4:26.29. **100m hurdles:** 1. Nithya Ramraj (TN) 13.04, 2. Pragyan Prasant Sahu (Odi) 13.45, 3. K. Nandhini (TN) 13.69. **High jump:** 1. Rekha (Rly) 1.82m, 2. K. Gobika (TN) 1.80, 3. Manshi (UP) 1.78; **Shot put:** 1. Manpreet Kaur (Rly) 16.42, 2. Rekha (Rly) 16.12, 3. Yogita (Rly) 15.65; **Javelin:** 1. Annu Rani (Rly) 58.97, 2. Jyoti (Har) 58.10, 3. Deepika (Har) 55.23. **4x400m mixed relay:** 1. Punjab 3:23.27s, 2. Kerala 3:25.28, 3. Tamil Nadu 3:26.68.

Antonelli. AFP

Antonelli picked to replace Hamilton

Agence France-Presse
MONZA

Italian teenager Andrea Kimi Antonelli will step up to Formula One next season and replace Lewis Hamilton at Mercedes, the team announced on Saturday.

Antonelli, who turned 18 on August 25, will partner George Russell, another product of the team's junior programme, after Hamilton moves to Ferrari after this year.

"Our 2025 driver line-up combines experience, talent, youth and out-and-out raw speed. We are excited about what George and Kimi bring to the team both as individual drivers, but also as a partnership," team chief Toto Wolff said. Antonelli has had a stellar youth career until a brief lull at start of this season.

A memorable win for young Michal Szubarczyk

SNOOKER

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Poland's Michal Szubarczyk created history with a memorable win in the final of the IBSF World under-21 men's snooker championship at the Karnataka State Billiards Association here on Saturday.

Szubarczyk, all of 13, defeated Germany's Alexander Widau to become the youngest champion in the history of the tournament.

After having lost in the under-17 semifinal here just a few days, Szubarczyk made a marked improvement in a short turnaround time.

Szubarczyk... teen sensation. K. MURALI KUMAR

Szubarczyk put on a masterclass in safety play to outclass Widau.

Armed with an understanding of angles well beyond his age, Szubarczyk repeatedly snookered Widau.

Szubarczyk did not take on fifty-fifty pots, preferring to play the waiting game. His attacking game came to the fore only in the third frame, when he made a 70 break.

Widau, 20, found it difficult to wriggle out, and ended up making costly mistakes.

The result (final):
Michal Szubarczyk (Pol) bt Alexander Widau (Ger) 86-65, 57-70, 104-0, 74-63, 65-55, 71-1.

Samit Dravid named in India under-19 squad

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Samit Dravid, son of former India captain and head coach Rahul Dravid, was on Saturday drafted into the India under-19 squad for the upcoming multi-format series against Australia.

The three-match one-day series will be held in Puducherry on September 21, 23 and 26. The series will then roll on to Chennai for two four-day matches beginning on September 30 and October 7. Samit is currently playing for Mysore Warriors in the KSCA Maharaja T20 Trophy.

Samit. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

The squads: One-day: Rudra Patel, Sahil Parakh, K.P. Kartikeya, Mohd. Amaan (Capt.), Kiran Chormale, Abhigyan Kundu (wk), Harvansh Singh Pangalia (wk), Samit Dravid, Yudhajit Guha, N. Samarth, Nikhil Kumar, Chetan Sharma, Hardik Raj, Rohit Rajawat and Mohd. Enaan.

Four-day: Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Nitya Pandya, Vihan Malhotra, Soham Patwardhan (Capt.), Kartikeya, Samit, Kundu (wk), Pangalia (wk), Chetan, Samarth, Aditya Rawat, Nikhil, Anmoljeet Singh, Aditya Singh, Enaan.

Miss Maya should score an encore in the Chief Minister's Cup

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old filly Miss Maya, who won well in her last start, should score an encore in the Chief Minister's Cup, the feature event of Sunday's (Sept. 1) races.

1 HIDDEN BLOOM PLATE (1,800m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only – 1.45 p.m.: 1. Amigo (4) Mukesh K 56, 2. Anemoi (5) Santosh Raj 56, 3. Hawk Wing (6) G. Naresh 56, 4. Hoping Queen (1) Mohit Singh 54.5, 5. Jungle Girl (7) Arjun 54.5, 6. Peppi (2) Ashad Asbar 54.5 and 7. Rani Ruckus (3) Md. Ismail 54.5.
1. AMIGO, ANEMOI, 3. PEPPI

2 ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP (Div. II) (1,100m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.15: 1. Sun Dancer (7) M. Mark 60.5, 2. Adbhut (5) Akshay K 60, 3. Rival (8) Ajay K 58.5, 4. D Yes Boss (1) P. Ajeeth K 56.5, 5. Pontefract (3) Afroz K 55.5, 6. Happy Soul (2) Surya Prakash 53.5, 7. Shadow Fax (4) Likith Appu 53 and 8. Fara (6) Rafique Sk. 51.5.
1. ADBHUT, 2. SHADOW FAX, 3. RIVAL

3 MANCHERIAL PLATE (1,600m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 – (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Only The Brave (4) M. Mark 60, 2. Dapper Look (6) Akshay K 59, 3. Crown Witness (5) P. Sai K 58.5, 4. Classy Dame (3) Md. Ekram 58, 5. Queen Empress (7) Abhay Singh 58, 6. Caraxes (2) Shivansh 56.5 and 7. Alcahol Free (1) Rafique Sk. 54.
1. CROWN WITNESS, 2. DAPPER LOOK, 3. ALCAHOL FREE

4 MAHABUBABAD PLATE (2,000m) 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Divine Destiny (7) Kuldeep Jr. 60, 2. Alpine Girl (2) Shivansh 57.5, 3. Hoping Sky (3) Mohit Singh 57.5, 4. Original Sin (1) Ashad Asbar 56.5, 5. White Pearl (4) Akshay K 55, 6. China Town (5) P. Ajeeth K 53 and 7. Superstellar (6) G. Naresh 51.5.
1. WHITE PEARL, 2. ORIGINAL SIN, 3. DIVINE DESTINY

5 ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP (Div. I) (1,100m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Ragnarök (4) Kuldeep Sr. 60.5, 2. The Thunder (2) Mukesh K 60.5, 3. Bangor On Dee (9) Shivansh 58.5, 4. Dyanoosh (1) Kuldeep Jr. 57, 5. Lady Danger (5) M. Mark 56.5, 6. Winning Attitude (6) Afroz K 54.5, 7. Classical Music (3) Likith Appu 53, 8. Calista Girl (7) Ajay K 51.5 and 9. Hoping Star (8) Mohit 50.
1. CALISTA GIRL, 2. DYANOOSH, 3. RAGNAROK

6 CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP (1,400m) (Terms), 3-y-o and upward (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. Great Guns (1) P. Sai K 60, 2. Alexina (3) Santosh Raj 58.5, 3. Juramento (2) Gaurav 58, 4. Miss Maya (5) Akshay K 56.5, 5. Reigning Beauty (6) Afroz K 53.5 and 6. Kancha (4) Mukesh K 52.
1. MISS MAYA, 2. GREAT GUNS

7 CARTER PRINCESS PLATE (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.45: 1. Great Giver (2) Kuldeep Jr. 60, 2. Windsor (8) Afroz K 59, 3. Assured Success (5) Surya Prakash 58.5, 4. Mix The Magic (3) Mohit 56.5, 5. Antidote (7) Akshay K 55.5, 6. Eminency (4) Md. Ekram 55.5, 7. Lady Racines (6) Kuldeep Sr. 55 and 8. Tupac (1) Shivansh 55.
1. WINDSOR, 2. EMINENCY, 3. MIX THE MAGIC

Day's Best: **MISS MAYA**
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Mini Jackpot: (I) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Treble: (I) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 5, 6 & 7.
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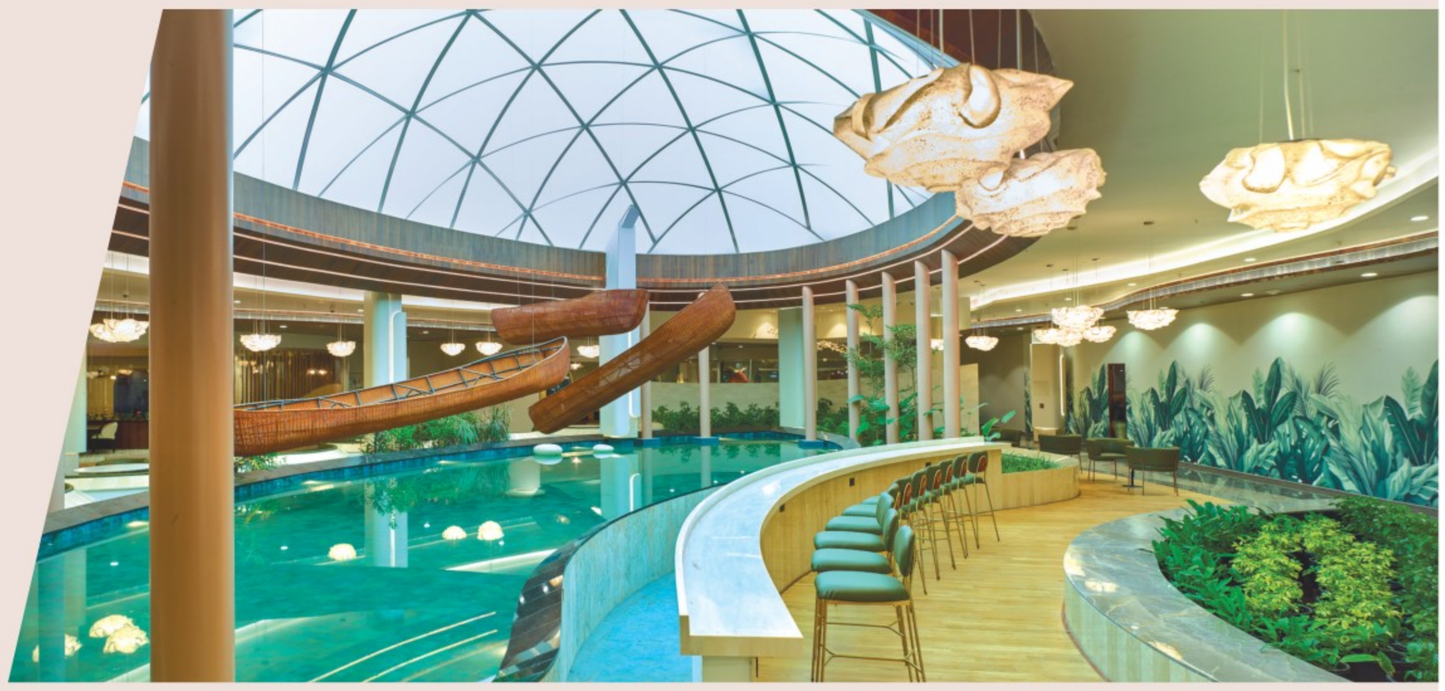

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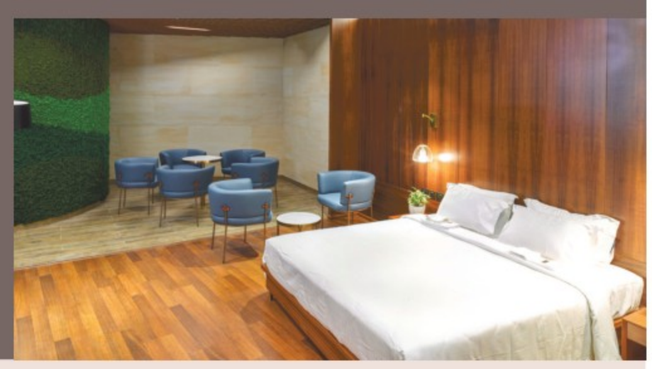

0484 AERO LOUNGE

The Story

On December 10th, 2022, CIAL commissioned the country's most prominent business jet terminal, which already handled 2,000 private jet operations. Adjacent to this is the 0484 Aero Lounge, located at T2. Christened after Ernakulam's STD code, the 0484 Aero Lounge is more than just a lounge outside the Security Hold Area; reflecting the essence of Kerala, the design draws inspiration from the backwaters of Kochi, traditional canoes and houseboats, the region's landscape, art forms, and architecture.

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Spanning 50,000 sq. ft., the facility offers 37 rooms, 4 suites, 3 boardrooms, 2 conference halls, co-working spaces, a gym, a spa, and a library.

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